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Iraq terms rejected; Iran to continue war

BEIRUT, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — Iran's President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr rejected Iraq's peace terms Wednesday and vowed to carry the 59-day-old Gulf war to a decisive victory. With his forces counterattacking on two major theaters in Susangerd and Abadan, Bani-Sadr told a rally of one million persons in Tehran that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's peace offer is unacceptable, Tehran radio said.

"Our nation is prepared for the hardships and sacrifices of the Iranians," Bani-Sadr said in a speech broadcast by the radio. "But it is in no way prepared to accept the conditions of Saddam Hussein's government."

Hussein offered to withdraw his forces from all war-conquered territory in western and southwestern Iran if Iran recognizes Iraq's claim to border land and the 193 kilometer Strait of Hormuz.

"He (President Hussein) attacked to overthrow our republic," Bani-Sadr said. "What we are defending is not only the foundation of the republic but the very foundation of our independent existence. Iran will not forgive Saddam Hussein's government for its crime and will carry the war to decisive victory."

Bani-Sadr spoke on the Shiite holiday of Ashura, which marks the 7th century martyrdom of Imam Ali Hussein, son of the sect founder Imam Ali. Millions of Iranians observed the occasion with the traditional self-flagellation ceremonies in response to an appeal from Ayatollah Khomeini, Tehran radio reported.

Bani-Sadr flew to the Tehran Ashura ceremony from a frontline trip to Iran's main naval base in Bushehr on the Gulf and the air force base at the neighboring Al Kharg island, which houses Iran's main oil loading terminal.

"At the beginning," Bani-Sadr told navy officers and air force pilots, "We thought the naval capacity was at 10 per cent and the air force at 17 per cent. Now we have proven that the naval power is 100 per cent intact."

Bani-Sadr said Iran was getting stronger every week. But he warned against impatience, saying, "You have to be patient in order to achieve victory. You must not rush."

Bani-Sadr was to meet with former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, who set out Wednesday on the first U.N.-sponsored attempt to silence the roaring guns of the Gulf war.

Palme flew to Tehran Tuesday as special envoy of U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. The leader of Sweden's opposition Socialist Party plans also to meet with Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai and then go to Baghdad for talks with President Hussein.

On the Abadan front, Tehran broadcast claimed the Iraqis were pushed farther east from the Bahmanshir River. Iran claimed its forces charged across the Bahmanshir for the first time last week, set permanent positions east of the river and drove the Iraqis six kilometers back. Wednesday's broadcast claimed sizable palm groves further east from the river have been "cleared from enemy troops and emplacements."

The Iraqi communiques claimed attempts by the beleaguered Abadan garrison to break out from the siege were all repulsed and the city has been subjected to intensified ground and air bombardment to wear down its defense.

An Iraqi communique Tuesday claimed three Iranian navy vessels were sunk in a battle in the northern water of the Gulf and one Iranian Phantom fighter-bomber was shot down in a raid on Iraq's main Gulf oil loading port of Fao.

Meanwhile, Iraq said Wednesday it would defend Kuwait against any threat to its security and would foil any attempts to expand the Gulf conflict. Kuwait has charged that twice recently Iranian jets attacked its Abdali area bordering Iraq.

Al-Thawra, newspaper of the ruling Baath Party in Iraq, said Wednesday: "Iraq frankly and clearly stands by Kuwait against all threats and attacks. It is anxious to participate in protecting Kuwait's security and safety because it believes in the unity of the joint Arab destiny against the enemies of the Arab nation — imperialists and Zionists."

In Tokyo meanwhile, two ranking officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization said that the Iran-Iraq war has dealt a serious blow to the Palestine liberation movement.

According to the *Asahi Shimbun*, a major Japanese daily, Khaled Al-Fahoum, speaker of the Palestine National Council, and Muhsen Abu Maizer, chief of the PLO's international affairs section, both separately told its correspondent in Damascus Monday the war is detrimental to the movement.

This was not only because two major supporters of the PLO are fighting each other but also because the war is diverting world attention away from the Palestine question. "Liberation of Palestine will be delayed for years (as a result of the Iran-Iraq war)," Al-Fahoum was quoted as saying.

U.N. votes for return of mayors

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19 (R) — In a virtually unanimous vote, U.N. members have declared that three West Bank Palestinian leaders exiled by Israel should be permitted to return to their homes. Only Israel opposed the vote. Malawi and the United States abstained.

The resolution passed 117-to-one in the special political committee in the General Assembly and is certain to be endorsed by the assembly itself.

Israeli occupation authorities in the West Bank deposed Fakh al-Qawasme, mayor of Hebron, Muhammad Milhem, mayor of Halbut, and Sheikh Rajab al-Rajab al-Rajab of Hebron last May.

In three other committee votes on Israel's policies in Arab territories occupied in the 1967 Middle East war, the United States voted with Israel once and twice abstained, leaving the Zionist state isolated.

The supporting U.S. vote was against further United Nations investigation into Israel's treatment of civilian prisoners in occupied territory. The motion passed 91 to two, with 22 abstentions. The other resolutions accused Israel of trying to change the legal status and population of the occupied territories.

The committee called the expulsion of the three Palestinian leaders illegal and urged Israeli authorities to facilitate their immediate return.

Trudeau arrives in Sanaa

SANAA, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau arrived here from Saudi Arabia Wednesday for a 48-hour visit to North Yemen, as part of a continuing Middle East tour. He is expected to discuss ways of strengthening Canadian relations with North Yemen.

Trudeau visited Saudi Arabia for five days and had talks with King Khaled and senior government ministers. He told reporters on Monday that the possibility of Saudi Arabia supplying oil to Canada was raised in his talks with the Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

Trudeau said that although he had not come to negotiate an oil deal, Sheikh Yamani told him that the kingdom would consider any Canadian request for oil positively. Trudeau, the first Canadian prime minister to visit Saudi Arabia, will go to Egypt after North Yemen.

Trudeau and his party camped out in the desert Tuesday near Madain Saleh, the historical city in the northwest part of the Kingdom.

12 killed in Korean airplane crash

SEOUL, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — A Korean Airlines jumbo jet carrying 226 persons burst into flames on landing at Seoul's Kimpo Airport Wednesday, killing 12 persons, an airline spokesman said.

Eight South Koreans, a stewardess from Hong Kong and two U.S. citizens died, airline officials said. One was the body of a Philippine citizen who had died in the United States and was being taken to Manila for burial. Hospital authorities said about 15 persons had been treated for injuries from the crash and subsequent fire but all except two or three would be released Wednesday night or Thursday. Airport authorities said they hoped to be able to reopen the airport Thursday.

The plane was ending a flight from Los

U.S., Israel, Egypt plan 'alliance'

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (AP) — A secret Israeli intelligence document envisages a U.S.-Israeli-Egyptian military alliance "arising" from the apparent stalemate in the Gulf war, the Israeli newspapers *Haaretz* and *Jerusalem Post* reported Wednesday.

The document was submitted Tuesday to the foreign affairs and defense committee of the parliament by Deputy Defense Minister Mogdechai Zippori, the newspapers reported. According to the reports of Zippori's scenario, the Iraqi government could collapse because Iraqi forces are unable to win a decisive victory over Iran. According to this assessment, Iraq would like to end the fighting without withdrawing from any of the territory it has captured in the six-week old conflict.

The collapse of Iraq would bring further instability to the Gulf region, and would spur the United States to form a military axis with Egypt and Israel. Zippori's report suggests Zippori claimed. Zippori plans to go to the United States this month for ongoing talks with U.S. Defense Department officials to coordinate Israeli-American strategy in the Middle East.

Israel can defend itself, Begin says

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP) — "Israel can defend itself against any attack," Prime Minister Menachem Begin said, adding that it should do so "without asking for foreign help." Begin, commenting on Israel's posture in the world, also said his country is an ally of the United States and the free world and, reciprocally, so should the United States and the free world be Israel's ally. The United States is the major source of foreign aid and armaments to Israel.

Begin, in his final scheduled appearance of his 10-day visit to this country, delivered a message of Israeli strength and unity and pledged its continuation to secure world peace.

"We will stand strong and make the Jewish state and the Jewish people live in liberty and justice and in human dignity for all generations to come," Begin told 1,000 Jewish leaders at a luncheon of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies at the Sheraton Center Hotel.

Earlier, Begin announced he was cutting short his trip by one day, saying he would leave Tuesday night and was called home to deal with motions of no-confidence brought by three opposition parties over economic issues in Israel. His government has turned back 20 such moves in the past year. He made no mention of his change in plans or the no-confidence vote during his speech.



Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau

At the end of the visit a joint communique said, Canada and Saudi Arabia attached "great importance" to the achievement of an early and just solution of the Middle East and Palestine problems, according to the communique. The communique said that the "lack of a settlement of these principal problems of the area further complicates the other problems of the region."

The communique, dwelt at length on bilateral and international economic matters.

On Sunday, the Canadian premier was accompanied by the minister of posts, telegraph, and telephones, Dr. Alawi Darwish

Syria attends Amman talks ended

AMMAN, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — Seven Arab foreign ministers ended two days of hectic meetings here Wednesday. The meetings were to revise an agenda for an Arab summit conference to be held here on Nov. 25. Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam stood by his request for a postponement of the summit meeting.

Attending the two-day sessions were the foreign ministers of Kuwait, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Iraq, the Palestine Liberation Organization, in addition to Syria and Arab League Secretary General Chadli Kleibi of Tunisia.

"The differences will have to be passed on to the full-dress foreign ministers conference later this week," one Arab League source said. "It is too early to say if Syrian President Hafez Assad will drop his postponement request and attend."

The seven ministers opened their meetings Tuesday night, with Khaddam insisting that President Assad will not attend the summit conference unless the foreign ministers accepted some undisclosed conditions.

The seven ministers met here last month when they blueprinted the agenda before Syria surprised them with a request for postponing the summit conference "in view of the deterioration in Arab relations."

Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal visited Damascus Monday and held talks with President Assad.

Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam of Syria attended the Amman meeting along with foreign ministers Saadoun Hammadi of Iraq, Marwan al-Qassem of Jordan, al-Ahmed of Kuwait, Muhammad Ben Yehia of Algeria, Prince Saud Al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia and Farouk Kaddoumi of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Asked if Assad will attend the summit conference, Khaddam said "it all depends on the outcome of this meeting here."

(In Damascus, informed sources said Syria was still insisting on the postponement of the summit conference. The sources said Assad told Prince Saud that Syria will boycott the



Prince Saud Al-Faisal

summit if it was held under current circumstances of Arab disputes, and without full and adequate preparation.")

Assad's request has been overruled by other Arab governments with Jordan contending that the summit was originally called to eliminate inter-Arab differences.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran of Jordan declared that 16 Arab kings and heads of state have promised to attend the summit, while Syria, Libya and Lebanon were in favor of a postponement. South Yemen also was to stay whether its President Ali Nasser Muhammad will attend.

Badran reaffirmed his government's position when he said: "The holding of the summit on schedule is the best for all concerned. Since it has been proven that all previous Arab summits were for the benefit of the Arab states," Addressing Jordan's National Consultative Council (NCC), Badran made it

Mudar Badran

clear that the top item on the agenda would be economic strategy.

Badran added that the ministerial committee had drawn up the basic points of the agenda in meetings earlier this year and that they would be studied and endorsed by a plenary session of Arab League foreign ministers on Thursday.

Damascus was the focal point of intense diplomatic activity again, following the arrival there of Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Saddik Benyahia.

Officials said Beoyahia conferred with President Assad and Abdul-Halim Khaddam, but they gave no details of the discussions. The Algerian minister also met Yasser Arafat, chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), Monday night.

While most Arab countries support Iraq, Syria and Libya have backed the Iranian regime of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The agenda is to be reviewed by the seven foreign ministers before being submitted to a full dress Arab foreign ministers meeting for approval later this week.

The summit is to discuss a combined economic cooperation strategy among the Arab countries and explore ways of facing the Israeli threat and stepping up support to the PLO.

Conference sources said the summit also is to discuss ways of dealing with the upcoming Reagan administration as far as the Middle East question is concerned.

Kuwait was expected to ask the conference to examine "the necessity of confronting the Iranian threat" after fighters of the Iranian airforce have rocketed a Kuwaiti border post.

Reagan's desire to meet Hussein said positive

KUWAIT, Nov. 19 (AP) — A top Jordanian official described U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan's desire to meet King Hussein as "a positive initiative." The Kuwait daily *Al-Sayassah* reported Wednesday. Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem was quoted by the newspaper as saying Jordan "was still exposed to pressure to join in the Palestinian autonomy negotiations" between Egypt and Israel.

Kassem said his country would not succumb to such pressures but would be willing to take part in "any serious attempt carried out in accordance with the principles of a just and comprehensive solution to the Middle East conflict."

Reagan, in an interview following his election victory, said a meeting with King Hussein was one of his foreign policy priorities. The minister called on all Arabs to support Kuwait against "the aggression on its territories." This was a reference to Iranian air attacks on the Kuwait border post of al-Abdali on Nov. 12 and 16.

"There must be no room for hesitation, as no Arab country should be left alone to face aggression because all of us are target in one way or another," Kassem was quoted as saying.

Israeli soldiers stoned; W. Bank schools closed

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (AP) — Palestinian demonstrators in Jerusalem stoned Israeli soldiers and cars Wednesday, and three colleges in the occupied West Bank were closed following a day of riots in which 10 Palestinians were wounded, Israeli armed forces radio said.

Dozens of Palestinians blocked an Israeli car and started to heave it over on its side, but troops arrived and rescued the Israelis. Meanwhile, Palestinian schools in Jerusalem were closed.

Students at Al-Najar University in Bahlus declared a strike to protest Israel's suppression of two demonstrations Tuesday, a military spokesman said. Later on Israeli troops fired on school students who were stoning Israeli cars, the spokesman said.

Bethlehem University, near the site of one of Tuesday's demonstrations, was closed by order of the university president. A government closure order against Bir Zeit University has been implemented since Sunday because of Palestinian agitation there.



President Ali Abdullah Saleh

Kayyal, on a tour of Saudi Telephone's new computer data center in Riyadh. The tour was conducted by deputy minister for telephone affairs, Faisal Zaidan, and deputy minister of T and T for financial and administrative affairs, Suleiman Muhammad Gbandura. The completion of the data center is a major step in the ministry's telephone expansion program. The official party inspected the two IBM 3031 computers, which are the heart of the system. With associated equipment, they form one of the most advanced data processing systems in the Middle East.

'Ripper' strikes Midlands again

LEEDS, England, Nov. 19 (AP) — Britain's most notorious mass murderer, a knife-wielding killer known as "The Yorkshire Ripper," has claimed his 13th victim, 20-year-old language student Jacqueline Hill, police said Wednesday.

Her body was found by shoppers Tuesday in undergrowth on waste ground near a supermarket in this northern textile city, where the ripper murdered his first victim, prostitute Wilma McCann, Oct. 30, 1975.

Police said the body bore the slashing trademarks inflicted by the ripper. As in all the ripper slayings, police refused to detail the injuries for fear of copycat killings that will hamper the manhunt.

The ripper last struck 14 months ago in Bradford, Derby, an industrial city. He has also killed in the neighboring cities of Preston, Manchester, Huddersfield and Keighley. At least four women have survived attacks by the ripper.

"No young woman is safe while he is at large," George Oldfield, assistant chief constable of the West Midlands police, warned Wednesday.

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In Western Province

Labor directors end talks

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 — Directors of Western Region labor offices ended their week-long annual conference here Wednesday, according to a labor ministry official.

The Western Region Director General Ahmad Al Yahya said that during the week of talks labor directors from Mecca, Medina, Taif, Tabuk, Al Wajh, Yanbu and Bahah discussed various areas in which to concentrate improvement efforts.

"Especially in the start of this new Hijra year we need to come up with new trends to suit changes," Yahya said in an interview with *Arab News*.

Among the topics covered by the labor officials was national employment and the need to make a general evaluation for recruiting national manpower and finding suitable jobs for Saudi Arabians. Priority for Saudi Arabians in hiring and training is a national priority, especially in the Third Five-Year Development Plan. Yahya said the labor ministry is especially making an effort to train Saudis in vocational and technical training. The government provides incentives and living expenses in order to induce citizens to



Ahmad Al-Yahya

continue to develop their skills, he added.

In addition, the labor offices are making a study of foreign manpower in the region with an emphasis on the extent of their employment, occupations and mobility within the industrial sector. However, to aid in upgrading and establishing various skilled positions. Yahya said the ministry is evaluating the use of certificates to indicate a worker's degree of

ability for his skill. At present workers show proof of a skill through a letter of reference, but with a ministry-approved certificate a worker could prove the degree of his ability to prospective employers. In addition, the ministry would be able to chart more accurately the amount of workers in a certain job skill category as well as aid the worker in finding employment in the private sector, he added.

Job site safety is one area in which the Labor Ministry will exert some of its efforts. The Western region's director said programs to improve safety within job sites and reduce hazards and accidents already are being carried out, but will be increased throughout the coming years. Ministry inspectors present slide and video shows to workers in a selected area to familiarize them with knowledge of safety procedures and concepts. However, there needs to be more awareness of safety by smaller businesses in order to reduce accidents.

"The ministry is seeking ways to program inspection visits to cover sectors as best as we can, and to cover the most important areas as well," Yahya said.

Mit'eb signs SR487m sewage contract

RIYADH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs (MOMRA) signed a SR487,341,544 contract with an international firm for a sewage water network and swamp backfilling in Hasa for 39 villages.

Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Mit'eb simultaneously signed a SR21,023,850 contract with a consultancy

firm to oversee the contract's execution. Prince Mit'eb also is the acting minister of municipal and rural affairs.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the roads department in the Eastern Province announced in Dammam Tuesday that work has started in the SR211,683,000 dual carriage highway linking Al-Khobar, Dhahran and Dammam. The project is to be com-

pleted within 34 months.

The spokesman, Sami Foda, director of the administration, said that the first 12-kilometer part of the project had been entrusted to a Saudi firm. The road will have three lanes in each direction. There also will be 22.3 kilometers of side roads and ramps as well as seven bridges.

Brazilian welfare society views services

RIYADH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Prince Fadh bin Sultan, undersecretary of labor and social affairs for social welfare, received Tuesday a Brazilian Arab women's delegation currently visiting Saudi Arabia. He briefed them on

individual voluntary efforts in Saudi Arabia in the field of social services and the government's assistance in this respect.

The delegation is made up of eight Arab women known for their social welfare

activities in Brazil. They will spend 12 days in the Kingdom at the invitation of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs to acquaint themselves with the social renaissance in the Kingdom, especially in the field of various welfare societies.

Kingdom reasserts Soviet condemnation

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia reiterated its condemnations of the Soviet presence in Afghanistan and the atrocities of the Communist Soviet forces against the Afghan people Tuesday night.

Addressing the U.N. General Assembly, the Kingdom's delegate to the United Nations, Jafar Al-Laqqani, said Soviet actions in Afghanistan contradict many rules of the U.N. Charter. He called on the Soviet Union to admit their mistakes in Afghanistan, referring to Russian negligence to the

United Nations' resolutions condemning the intervention and Soviet blocking of the Security Council from taking action against it by using the veto.

Laqqani urged major states to shoulder their responsibilities regarding the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, and adopt a collective action to put an end to the problem.

In regard to Communism, Deputy Minister of Interior Prince Ahmad launched a scathing attack against the world's Communists during a recent trip to Taiwan. He said during a dinner banquet in his honor that it was a blessing for China to enjoy such a stable state of security despite the great threat it is facing from the atheist threat, especially from Communist China.

Nationalist China is a vivid example of progress, unlike Communist China which is crushed under the yoke of the Communist

regime, he added.

Prince Ahmad said that Communism is a destructive force and is spreading its venom and corruption around the world. He added that the Middle East and several other countries in various places have suffered a great deal and will continue to suffer from Communist interference in their destiny and affairs. This also provides the reason why these countries are exposed to backwardness and weakness, while their principles and values are threatened.

But he said, "Our Islamic faith is an impregnable fortress against the destructive Marxist ideology in our Arab and Muslim society, and this is why this society always will remain wary from Communist influence."

The minister urged the countries of "the free and developed world" to combine their efforts to repel "world Communist aggression" and save "those who fell in to its net."

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi
Al Medina

Most of us who are now at the helm of affairs in different fields had obtained primary certificates almost a quarter of a century ago. If we keep this fact in mind, it would mean that those obtaining primary certificates this year will occupy the places of position 25 years hence.

But the way people compare the old generation with the present one seems quite disappointing. They say, for example, that secondary education 25 years ago was confined to just one or two major towns of the Kingdom, where either Mecca, Jeddah or Riyadh. Other towns were deprived of even small books, and the primary school used to be the main source of supplying employees for the offices in the Kingdom.

At that time, no one would dare to have any doubt of the ability of the holders of primary school certificate to face life and its tribulations. But I don't think a similar certificate can enable its holder to read a couple of lines in a newspaper or to cope with even a negligible aspect of life today.

Our colleagues in the sixth standard primary used to publish a newspaper and write articles and stories. They included Abdullah Khayyat, Ibrahim Al-Aqili and Osama Al-Sibaie. At Al-Falah School in Mecca Amin Attas, Fayed Badr, Muhammad Abdo Yamani, Mahmoud Safar and Darwish Justanah used to deliver extempore speeches at weekly functions. In yet another school, students like Abdul Wahhab Anar, Muhammad Said Tib, Saleh Faqih, Muhammad Saleh Bakhatmech and Abdullah Jafri used to engage themselves in identical activities with fervor and enthusiasm. From such men, the primary schools of yesterday produced ministers, professors, journalists and the businessmen of today.

I'd simply ask if the present-day schools would be able to produce similar stalwarts after 25 years from now? I believe it would not take much effort to answer this question.

SAFCO production increases

DAMMAM, Nov. 19 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Company announced Wednesday that its production of urea during the period of January to November, 1980, amounted to 285,340 metric tons. The figure represents an increase of 25,696 metric tons than that of the same period last year.

In a statement, SAFCO said that the production exceeds the initial figure planned in the company's budget for 1980. SAFCO's total exports in the above period approached 266,700 metric tons, while the local market sales reached 25,664 metric tons of urea.

In early January King Khaled ordered the sale to Saudi Arabian employees of 100,000 shares in the state-owned company. The sale was reported to be in recognition of the company's achievements over the past three years. On Dec. 31, 1979, the council of ministers heard a report from Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, industry and electricity minister, on the company's improved economic and financial position and its personnel's efforts in raising the firm's level of production.

The council had approved the minister's request to sell 100,000 shares to its Saudi Arabian employees as part of the state's plan of an eventual turnover of state ownership of industrial and commercial projects to the public.

SAFCO produced 988,988 metric tons of ammonia and 298,851 tons of fertilizer last year. That output was a 15 per cent increase over the previous year's production. The company's production of sulfuric acid also rose by 26 per cent at that time.

In addition to SAFCO, the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) signed a joint-venture agreement with Al-Jubail Fertilizer Company (SAMAD) to build a world-scale fertilizer complex at Jubail.

Starting up in late 1982, the plant will use methane gas as a feedstock to yield 300,000 tons a year of ammonia, which in turn will be processed into 500,000 tons of urea a year. Urea is the main source of nitrogen, one of the three key nutrients for plants.

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Officials curtail hotel aid

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 — The Ministry of Finance and National Economy has decided to stop lending money for the construction of first class hotels in the main cities. But it will continue to do so for smaller towns and districts which had no hotels yet, according to the ministry.

A fund for helping investors build good hotels in the main cities was created five years ago. It provided loans for 66 hotels in 15 cities, most of them first class. Thirty two hotels have already been built so far with 1300 rooms. The loans amounted to SR 1400 million.

The hotels were built in Riyadh, 20; Jeddah, 9; Dammam, 10; Khobar, 4; Dhahran, 3; Medina, 5; Khamis Mushait, 3; Hail, 2; and one in each of Buraidah, Onazah, Russ, Jubail, Hafr Al Batin, Arar, Yanbu, Beeshab and Hofuf.

The glut of good hotels in the cities has led to a fall in the occupancy rates which affected the profitability of some of them. It was stated.

Senegal sends message

RIYADH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — King Khaled received a verbal message Tuesday from Senegalese President Leopold Sedar Senghor. The message was conveyed during a meeting with Senegalese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Mustafa Cisse.



GRADUATION: Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the national guard, shakes hands with one of the graduate cadets of the 14th National Guard Military Academy session.

Abdullah attends graduation

RIYADH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, received at his office Wednesday graduates of the 14th session of the National Guard Military Academy. The cadets, who graduated Tuesday under Prince Abdullah, at the guards headquarters off Khreiss road greeted the commander on the occasion of their enrollment to the National Guard.

They were introduced to Prince Abdullah by Gen. Ibrahim Al-Rasheed, assistant undersecretary of the National Guard for operations.

Besides military training, the cadets also

studied religion and science for two years, according to Capt. Mir'eh ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Aziz, the chief of the Guard's military academy. In his address, Tuesday, Capt. Mir'eh thanked Prince Abdullah for honoring the ceremony with his presence.

After another speech by Jerman ibn Ahmad Al-Shahri, on behalf of the cadets, in which he thanked the government for its genuine efforts to develop the Kingdom's military force, including the National Guard, the 39 graduates took the oath of allegiance and obedience. The success rate at the class was 100 per cent.

At the end of the ceremony, Prince Abdullah handed the graduates their diplomas and awards to those who earned honors.

Kingdom signs tax agreement

RIYADH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Pakistan signed an agreement eliminating double taxation on income from their national carriers.

Before the agreement, the two carriers used to pay income tax on their earnings both at home and in each other's country.

The agreement was signed for Saudi Arabia by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, and for Pakistan by Najmul Saqib Khan, the country's ambassador to the Kingdom.

The signing ceremony was attended by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, foreign undersecretary, Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, and Abdul Ilah Mehanna, director of the international organizations' desk at the Foreign Ministry, as well as other officials. The agreement aims to enhance air service between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan and facilitate the movement of travelers between the two countries.

In Jeddah

National Guard headquarters opens

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 — The owner of Sam Whan, the giant Korean company that built the National Guard headquarters in Riyadh said the building is the largest of its kind in the world and has the most office space in the country.

Chong Wahn Choi said the building covers a floor space of 838,000 square meters, took 46 months to complete and employed more than 965,207 persons at one time.

Choi who attended the dedication ceremony last week, said the materials used in construction included 15,000 cubic meters of precast concrete, 34,000 tons of cement and more than 8,000 tons of steel.

It was described by Crown Prince Fahd as an ideal structure "which meets



Chong Wahn Choi

internationally-recognized standards of military systems and is completely suitable for the smooth handling of Guard affairs." Sam Whan was the first Korean con-

struction company to operate in the Kingdom starting with the beautification scheme of Jeddah, building roads and bridges and has since undertaken 12 major projects including the new headquarters of the National Commercial Bank along the city's seafont. The projects fetched nearly SR 1.5 billion. The National Guard building cost nearly SR800 million.

The building was subcontracted to Sam Whan by the U.S. Corps of Engineers with which it has close ties. The job itself was undertaken on a 50-50 joint venture basis with DeMatteis Co.

The company also was responsible for constructing section three of the Yanbu-Rada road, which the company described as the hardest road project undertaken by a foreign company in the country to date.

Turaif, Badana TV stations ready to go

RIYADH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani announced that two television stations will come into operation Thursday and will be linked to the main television network of the Kingdom. The two stations, located at Turaif and Badana, were installed and underwent successful tests, the minister said.

The installment of the two stations is part of the Information Ministry's plan to build 25 new television stations in 14 months beginning in September. The plan is an implementation of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd's instructions that television broadcasting cover the whole of the Kingdom.

Meanwhile, the Gulf children's festival began in the Kingdom Wednesday. The festival was called for by the Kingdom, and was later approved by a meeting of Gulf Information Ministers in Doha, Qatar, last year.

Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, information minister, after receiving replies from Gulf states to the Kingdom's request to host the festival, immediately formed a committee to prepare for the occasion. The committee will also supervise the festival's activities. The festival's program has been organized in cooperation with concerned departments of the Ministry of Education and the General Presidency of Youth Welfare, according to

Gambia granted loan

JEDDAH, Nov. 19 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank granted Gambia an Islamic Dinar 3.6 million (\$4 million) loan for financing trade. Gambia will import fertilizers from Morocco under the agreement. The agreement was signed here Wednesday by Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, IDB's president; Sheikh Alio Badji, Gambian ambassador to the Kingdom; and Abdul Kal, director general of Gambia Central Bank.

Deputy Information Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja.

After the arrival of all the delegations, the large group left for the Eastern Province on a two day visit to the area aboard the special plane provided by the ministry of information. The party will fly from the Eastern Province to Medina, then Mecca. The tour also includes Jeddah, Taif, Abha, Riyadh and finally Dhahran, from where they will return to their respective countries.

The children's group will meet with local children at each of their stops. They will perform the minor pilgrimage (umrah) while in Mecca, and will visit the Prophet's Mosque in Medina. In addition, they are scheduled to meet the governors of the regions they are to visit and go on sightseeing tours on the King-

dom's development sites. Their hosts, in each city will hold a reception for the visiting group.

Dr. Khoja said the festival is one of the important programs of the Gulf Information Ministers' Conference.

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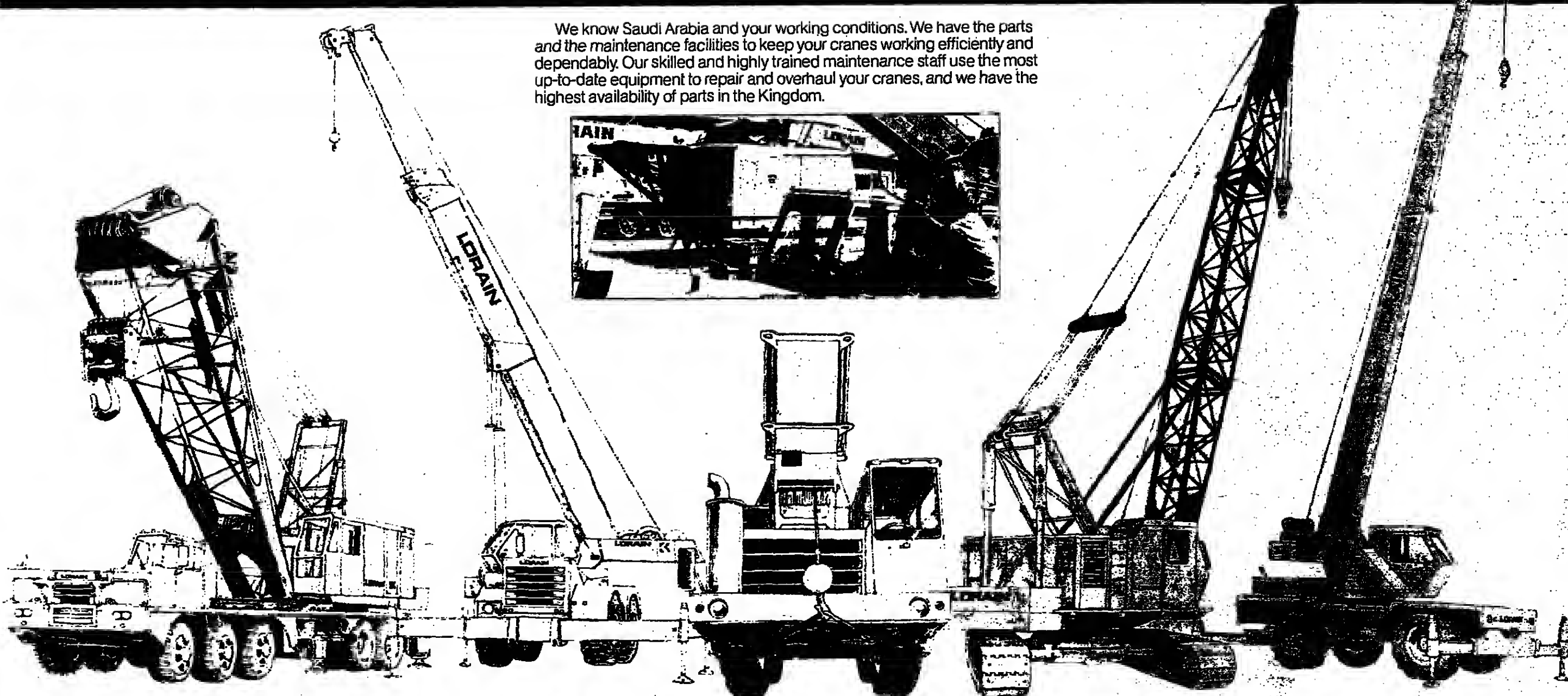
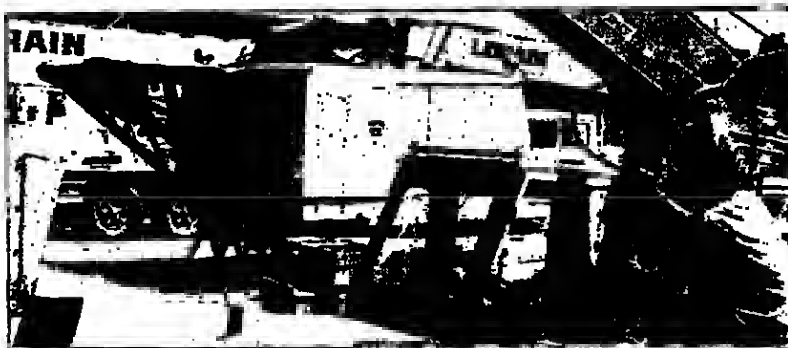
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With Egyptians

RDF begins war games

WADI EL-NATROUN, Egypt, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — The United States' new Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) went into action on foreign soil for the first time Tuesday as it began war games with the Egyptian army. Firing live ammunition, American A-7 aircraft made bombing and strafing runs in the western desert.

Helicopter gunships dropped troops into a mock battle zone to give U.S. soldiers their first taste of Middle East combat conditions since American Marines landed in Lebanon in 1958.

Egypt ponders manufacturing F-5E fighters

CAIRO, Nov. 19 (AP) — Egypt is studying the possibility of manufacturing the F-5E jet fighters here with the help of the United States as a means of bolstering its defense capabilities, Chief of Staff Gen. Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala has said.

In an interview with the Middle East News Agency Tuesday Abu Ghazala said the manufacture of the jet in Egypt, if an agreement was reached, would be in cooperation with Northrop, the American producing firm. He said negotiations are also underway with Britain and France for manufacturing a training plane and anti-aircraft missile.

Egypt has already received 35 F-4e jet fighters as part of a \$3.5 billion package that also includes 40 F-16 jets and 244 M-60 tanks. The jets are expected here in the spring of 1982 while 64 of the tanks are scheduled to arrive next month.

Abu Ghazala said the American deal also includes an unspecified number of the anti-aircraft missiles "improved Hawk," the anti-tank rockets "Tow" and "M-113" armored vehicles which would be arriving next year. The deal is part of an Egyptian plan to replace its aging Soviet-supplied weapons with Western hardware, Abu Ghazala said.

BRIEFS

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin cut short his U.S. visit Tuesday to bury home and fend off a motion of no-confidence in his government over Israel's 138 per cent annual inflation. Begin was seen sure to defeat the parliamentary motion — he has rebuffed numerous no-confidence moves before — but by a slim margin.

UNITED NATIONS, (R) — Jordan has denounced as groundless and deluding Israeli proposals for negotiations with other states of the region on establishing a nuclear weapons-free zone in the Middle East. Addressing the General Assembly's main

The RDF, drawn from all wings of the American military services, was created by President Jimmy Carter eight months ago for emergencies, especially in the Middle East and Gulf. It can now call on units with a total manpower of more than 200,000, U.S. officials said.

About 1,400 Americans, many of them drawn from the 101st Airborne Division and the 150th Tactical Fighter Group, are taking part in the exercises with Egyptian forces near this desert oasis.

President Anwar Sadat, a strident critic of the Soviet Union, has told Washington it can use Egypt as a launching pad for military operations to aid threatened states.

Codenamed Bright Star the small-scale exercises got off to a tragic start last week when an American C-141 cargo plane ferrying in equipment from the U.S. crashed in the western desert, killing all 73 aboard. For the past few days units of the two armies have been in joint training and live-fire operations began Tuesday with the American contingent staging a mock battle to check the advance of an enemy armored column.

Watching Egyptian generals applauded as air ground support aircraft repeatedly dropped sticks of bombs on target.

U.S. officials said the exercises were expected to cost Washington about \$25 million.

Bright Star is the second U.S. military maneuver in Egypt in less than two months, operation "Proud Phantom," which saw 400 U.S. servicemen and a 12-plane squadron of F-4-E fighter jets train here for 90 days, ended in early October.

Both operations represent America's attempts to familiarize its forces with desert combat. Prior to the fall of the late Shah of Iran, the United States paid only marginal attention to preparing for an actual troop deployment in this region of the world. But with the Shah gone, and considering the promise by Carter to use force to defend the Gulf, desert warfare is suddenly one of the Pentagon's top priorities.

political committee, which is debating this among many other draft resolutions related to disarmament Saleh Al-Zubi, the Jordanian delegate Tuesday said Israel's concept of security was based on military superiority in conventional and nuclear arms.

DAMASCUS, (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has claimed responsibility for killing an Arab town council leader in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip. The PLO's news agency Wafa quoted a spokesman for the organization as saying instructions were issued for the "liquidation" of Muhammad Abu Wardi, who was described as an Israeli agent.



STOPOVER: Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi (left) shakes hands with Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam during his stopover at Tripoli airport on his way to Addis Ababa Monday. Mengistu paid an official visit to Moscow last week.

Qaddafi 'expecting' U.S. invasion

HAMBURG, West Germany, Nov. 19 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has been quoted as saying he was mobilizing Libyan forces to resist an expected American invasion of his country.

In an interview with the weekly magazine Stern, Qaddafi said: "We are mobilizing, we are expecting an invasion any day. We are surrounded by our enemies and the Americans could come from almost all sides ... The Americans are on our border with Egypt and they are coming from the Mediterranean."

Peace talks to continue, Ghali says

ROME, Nov. 19 (AP) — Egyptian State Minister for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali has said he believed peace talks between his country and Israel will continue under Ronald Reagan's U.S. presidency.

"We started the peace negotiations with Nixon, we continued them with Ford and Carter and I think we will continue them with Reagan," Ghali told a news conference Tuesday at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport during a brief stopover from Madrid enroute home.

"We negotiate with the United States rather than with an American president," he added that the United States "has committed

Israeli team in Egypt for oil deal

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (R) — Representatives of Israel's commercial oil companies flew to Egypt Tuesday night to sign an agreement for the sale of two million tons of Egyptian oil to Israel for the coming year.

Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said that this was the same amount Israel had bought from Egypt last year, but that the price would increase by \$2 a barrel on Dec. 1. The price

Questioned about Ronald Reagan's victory in the U.S. presidential election, Qaddafi said he was very pleased with the result. "Reagan is more reliable than Carter ... besides the Republicans are closer to us than the Democrats," he said.

Qaddafi said he had told President Carter's brother Billy to hand back all the money which Libya had paid him in order to improve relations between Libya and the United States.

ted itself to carry out its role as a full partner in these (Egyptian-Israeli) negotiations for peace in the Middle East. And we think that this process will continue."

Meanwhile, in Cairo, Egypt's Foreign Minister Kamal Ali said "Tuesday that a Palestinian-autonomy summit between the United States, Egypt and Israel will likely not be held sometime after January."

"That is because of the American situation," Ali said in reference to President-elect Ronald Reagan's inauguration Jan. 20.

Ali told Cairo radio he plans to meet with Reagan's advisers in December, when he visits the United States.

would now be \$36 a barrel.

"The delegation is going on a purely commercial basis, like any other customer who buys oil from Egypt," the minister said.

Israel has been buying oil from Egypt since it handed back the Sinai oil fields in the framework of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Given rousing welcome

Numeiri starts Ethiopia visit

ADDIS ABABA, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri received a rousing welcome when he arrived in Addis Ababa Tuesday for talks with Ethiopian Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam on improving relations between their two countries.

Numeiri, here for six days, is returning a visit to Khartoum by Lt. Col. Mengistu last May which confirmed moves to restore trade links, facilitate the repatriation of an estimated 350,000 Ethiopian refugees living in Sudan and coordinate border regulations. Numeiri is accompanied by his Army Chief

Gen. Omer El Tayeb, Trade Minister Farouk El Magboul, and the governors of three provinces bordering on Ethiopia.

Sudan's ties with Addis Ababa have been strained by the 19-year war waged by freedom fighters in Ethiopia's Eritrea province, and because of the Soviet military buildup in Ethiopia after Khartoum expelled Soviet military experts from Sudan. But the refugee problem is a heavy burden on Sudan's economy and Numeiri is trying to get the Eritreans and Ethiopians to negotiate a settlement.

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Abandoned after fourteen years

Great city built to celebrate a son's birth

By Leo Jamboud

FATEHPUR SIKRI, India — At about the time Elizabeth I was queen of England, a great monarch reigned over a huge empire in India. The English envoys who visited the capital of the Great Moghul in 1583 found a

of a son", was only fully inhabited for some fourteen years. It was suddenly abandoned in 1585 and has remained deserted since. Today Fatehpur Sikri is the red sleeping city of India.

Akbar was an unusually strong-willed person. Only thirteen years old when his father died, he seized the reins of government from a regent at the age of sixteen, and forty-five years later he had succeeded in welding together two-thirds of India (including all of today's Pakistan) into the fabulous Moghul Empire.

A shrewd, intelligent and ambitious ruler, he had great physical strength and personal courage. He was more humane, more generous and more tolerant than most men of his time. He also had charisma and literally mesmerized the subcontinent. Not the least of his achievements was to charm the rulers of Rajasthan — traditional enemies of all Muslim conquerors of India — and subsequently marry their daughters.

The first Englishman to visit the court of the Great Moghul, an adventurer named Ralph Fitch, recorded that the emperor kept 1,000 elephants and 30,000 horses, that he had 1,400 tame deer, 800 conchbines and a menagerie of leopards and tigers. Although he had never learnt to read, no fewer than sixty renowned poets were among the many writers working at his court and contributing to Akbar's reputation as a patron of letters and collector of manuscripts. More than a hundred court painters were employed to illustrate books about the emperor's deeds on the battlefield and in the hunting ground.

Akbar was then the most powerful and the wealthiest monarch on earth. What more could he have wanted? A son.

Although he had an ample supply of wives and concubines, the twenty-six year old emperor still found himself without an heir. Several children born to him had died in infancy.

He was advised to visit a saintly Muslim man named Sheikh Salim Chisti who lived in Sikri, a small village near Agra (where the Taj Mahal now stands). And the holy man prophesied Akbar would have not only one, but three sons! Soon indeed one of his wives became pregnant and Akbar sent her to spend the months of expectancy in Sikri. When the baby was born — a boy of course! — he was called Salim in honor of the holy man. Within two years, two more sons were born to the delighted emperor. Regarding the village of Sikri as fortunate to himself, he decided that a new capital would be built there, in the middle of the wilderness, and that it would be called *Fatehpur* (The City of Victory).

Within a very short space of nine years, one of the most spectacular architectural complexes in the whole of India was constructed astride a rocky ridge which rises above the surrounding plain. "...that hill, full of wild beasts, became a city containing all kinds of gardens and buildings, lofty, elegant edifices and pleasant palaces, attractive to the heart."

The imperial mosque and its massive victory gate, the *Buland Darwaza*, the tomb of the Sheikh Salim Chisti, the palaces and halls of audiences, all these edifices bear testimony to the skill of the stone-workers and the grand designs of Akbar's architects. And if there is more unity of style in Fatehpur Sikri than in any other Indian city, it is indeed

because it was built at one time, the result of a massive and speedy undertaking.

When Elizabethan envoys came to Fatehpur Sikri in 1583 to meet the emperor, their eyes bulged out of their heads. They found a city, all made of red sand-stone, exceeding London both in population and in



EMPEROR'S SEAT: Emperor Akbar sat on top of this goblet-shaped pillar in the Diwan-i-Khas or hall of private audiences. It is flanked by stone bridges to balconies on all four sides.

grandeur. And they lost count of the rubies, the diamonds, the silks and the cloths spread before their eyes.

But the grandeur of the city ended with a story, as it had begun. Only fourteen years after it had been finished, it was abandoned.

No justification was officially given. The only explanation seems to be that the water supply suddenly failed.

The boy Salim, later known as Emperor Jahangir, was rather a disappointing son in many ways, but the city built in honor of his birth is still here. And the years during which it was inhabited were the richest and most creative of Akbar's reign. It was there that he established the style of life and culture which would last his family for nearly one century, together with the wide apparatus which supported it.

Fatehpur Sikri today is a sleeping beauty of a city. India's climate is gentle to stone if not to people, and a modern visitor could well be persuaded that these intricate casket-like buildings, with their elaborately carved stone ornamentation still crisp and unweathered, had been completed yesterday. But to call present Fatehpur Sikri a city is slightly misleading. Today nothing remains of the large town that occupied a vast area at the foot of the hill with palace had great mosque at its summit. What remains in such perfect state is in fact the palace, with its unique arrangement of vast paved areas dotted with free standing houses, some of them private dwellings and some assembly rooms.

The greatest structure is still the *Jamia Masjid*, the imperial mosque designed for 10,000 worshippers, one of the biggest of the world. Its austere courtyard contains the tomb of Salim Chisti, a marvel of white marble lace under an elaborate canopy inscribed with mother-of-pearl. Every year, thousands of childless women come to pray for the same blessing the religious man conferred upon an emperor four centuries ago.



GREAT MOGHUL: Prince Salim said of his father: "His beauty was of form rather than face, with a broad chest and long arms. On his left nostril was a mole, which physiognomists understood to be an augury of great wealth and glory."

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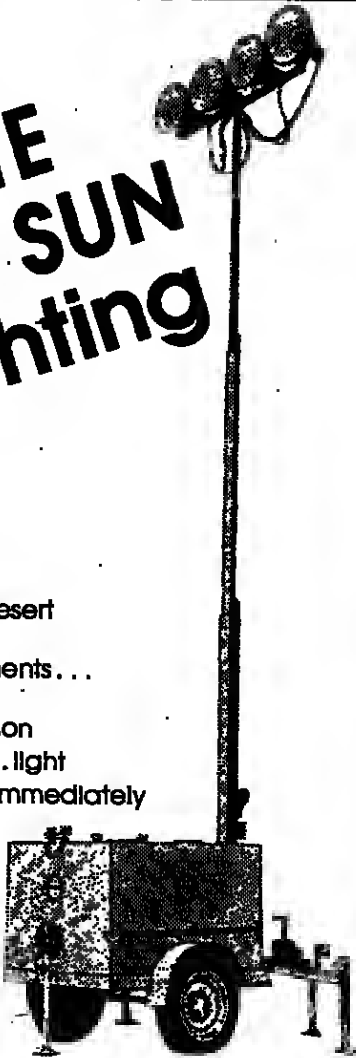
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VICTORY FOR UNIONS

The judgment handed down by the Polish High Court marked an important victory for that country's new, free trade unions. The court ruled that the statement of the primacy of the Communist Party, inserted in the unions' statutes by a lower court, should be removed. The lower court was adjudged to have exceeded the limits of competence by the insertion. The new unions, already boasting a membership of ten million members, can now proceed unfettered.

The Polish regime, together with the regimes of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe in general, cannot but see in the new Polish movement a grave precedent. Indeed, the massive following the new unions have acquired stands as a challenge to the claims of these regimes that they represent the working classes of their countries. The real question is whether this novel departure is to be tolerated, as an "evil" preferable to the worse evil of direct Soviet intervention, or whether the authorities are merely biding their time, awaiting the moment when the situation can be safely reversed.

This latter pessimistic assessment is made by some observers, who think that the authorities will fight the battle on the economic field. If the main grievance of the Polish people has been the failure of the regime to provide the country with a more comfortable standard of living, then it is easier from now on to blame this on the new "rebellious" and "ideologically suspect" unions. In other words, this view sees the Polish regime as moving toward a strategy of long-term attrition against the unions, rather than as being genuinely reconciled to the new situation.

Time was when such changes, or even the threat of them, sent the Red Army tanks rumbling through the streets. The Soviet Union certainly still has the ability to deal with the situation in the same way it had dealt with similar ones before in East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia — and in Poland itself. That it has not done so yet is itself a sign for hope for the people of the Eastern Bloc.

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In a lead story, *Al Medina* said Wednesday that King Khaled would pay a 10-day visit to the Eastern Province next Saturday. *Al Riyadh* ran as its lead story the royal directives to study the position of Saudi Arabian patients in London. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's remarks that the Amman summit conference would have a specific strategy was the top story in *Al Jazirah*, while *Al Nadwa* said in its lead that the seven-party committee began its deliberations on setting the differences on the summit *Al Yam* gave lead prominence to Syria joining the Amman summit after the Saudi Arabia's mediatory efforts.

In a front-page story, *Okaz* quoted British news reports as saying Oman granted naval facilities to Britain in the wake of the Iraq-Iran armed conflict. *Al Nadwa* told of Israeli Premier Begin's reported decision to cut short his U.S. visit and return to Israel to face a crisis in his government. *Al Jazirah* gave highlighted a report that Riyadh would receive 300,000 barrels of oil daily through the new direct pipeline. Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan's confirmation of continued talks on a Gulf armaments organization figured prominently in *Al Riyadh*.

Newspaper editorials continued to comment on the Amman Arab summit conference which is scheduled to begin Nov. 25. *Al Jazirah* noted that there was no longer any doubt in the convening of

the conference on time. The paper added that there was now increasing optimism that all Arab League member states would participate. It said Arab efforts, especially Saudi Arabia's role, helped a great deal in saving the conference. The success of Arab diplomatic efforts in this direction shows that Arab differences are only marginal and should not affect the deep relations existing among the brothers. The paper hoped the Arab leaders would succeed in their efforts in upholding the honor and dignity of the nation.

On the same subject, *Okaz* observed it was almost certain the conference would be held on time, adding that Arab differences had always existed and still exist. But previous summit conferences were able to avoid some of the differences. The paper said that the Arab nation was now faced with a series of contradictions, but it still has to confront the currents running against the nation. It said the Arab summit would be called upon to determine the method of work in a world now filled with changing currents and hostile instances. The critical circumstances in which the Amman conference is going to be held force the Arabs to know the world currents and to make their moves accordingly, the paper added.

Al Medina discussed the meetings of the seven-party committee now being held in Amman in pre-

paration for the Arab Foreign Ministers' Conference and then the Arab summit meeting in Amman. The meeting indicates that the Arab leaders are acting with prudence and are trying to overcome their differences. This trend, in fact, highlights the importance of Arab values which call for unity and solidarity in the face of all challenges of the enemies.

Speaking on identical lines, *Al Nadwa* said the whole nation focused its attention on the Jordanian capital where the seven-party meetings are being held. The paper hoped the committee would succeed in overcoming the differences concentrate on finding ways to confront the Zionist challenges. The paper went on to say that Arabs pinned high hopes on the Amman meetings.

Concerned with the challenges before the nation, *Al Bilad* observed that they do not only aim at weakening the Arab nation but also strive to destroy every effort of the Arab forces. They don't want Arabs to prosper and develop in different spheres of life, it said. The paper added that the summit conference would highlight the important role Arab forces are called upon to play to confront all challenges successfully. Saudi Arabia's constructive role in preparing a unified Arab strategy has reinforced the Arab nation, it said, adding that the Kingdom's leadership has always been convinced of its significant role in confronting the challenges.

BEGIN AND CARTER REAFFIRM CAMP DAVID COMMITMENT



Hollywood heads for the White House

By Anthony Holden

WASHINGTON — Regardless of political loyalties, society Washington is enthralled by the prospect of Ronald and Nancy Reagan's arrival in the White House. It will mean, say the hostesses of Georgetown, a return to elegant and star-studded entertaining after the down-home folksiness of the Carter years.

Jimmy Carter never warmed to Washington, nor Washington to him. He over attended the smart parties around town, rarely venturing even along Embassy Row. White House entertaining was, in turn, strictly political — and very demure. "At least," said one veteran delighted by the turn of events, "you'll get a drink in the Reagan White House."

The Reagans bring with them from California a reputation for well-heeled good taste, a love of party-going (as long as they're tucked up by 10 p.m.) and a veritable galaxy of famous friends. As Hollywood's glories have faded on the West Coast, so they could now be in for a revival on the East.

As official Washington scrambles for jobs in the new administration, society Washington gears up for the greatest entertaining splurge since the Kennedy era. The Reagan's California coterie are giving copious advice in the capital's gossip columns: "Black tie will be back, maybe even white tie... ornate table settings, with genuine silver and crystalware, essential... floral arrangements, of course... be sure, ladies, your jewelry is genuine..."

The Carters were fond of country and Western music, and liked to hold chicken barbecues on the White House lawn. The Reagans prefer the big hand sound — from such golden oldies as Lawrence Welk — and prefer Texan-style cook-outs (the essential difference being you barbecue beef rather than chicken).

The outgoing president trimmed his White House guest lists to his immediate political needs: There was always a careful sprinkling of blacks, Hispanics, leading women, local party bosses from influential states — rarely any showbiz personalities, though Kirk Douglas was a Carter favorite. After-dinner entertainment tended to be rather solemn: some choral music, hymn-singing, even Amy Carter offering an (excruciating) violin solo.

Reagan has fewer political debts to pay, and is anyway a man of broader tastes and interests. Apart from his close circle of rich California cronies, he is likely to bring a host of familiar faces — mostly from the older generations of showbiz lore — to his White House dinner table.

Bob Hope and James Stewart are particularly close friends. Washingtonians are thrilling at the prospect of after-dinner ditties from Frank Sinatra (who sat in the Reagans' box at the Republican convention in Detroit). Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. should be joining the throng beneath the executive mansion's chandeliers.

Elizabeth Taylor, who has hitherto led a somewhat sheltered life here as the wife of Republican Senator John Warner, is set to become one of Washington's foremost hostesses. Whatever professional rivalries there may once have been, she is said to have become especially close to Nancy

Reagan, a former Hollywood actress of somewhat less renown.

William Holden, best man at the Reagans' wedding, is expected to be a regular visitor. The one person who will not be in evidence, and whose name it will prove social death to mention, is Oscar-winning actress Jane Wyman — Ronald Reagan's first wife, mother of his two oldest children, and Nancy's particular *bête noire*.

Children, indeed, are not expected to play so prominent a role in White House life. The president-elect's four offspring are all now leading independent lives, out always to their father's taste. His eldest daughter Maureen, already twice divorced, is staying in California to continue campaigning for the equal rights amendment (which her father opposes).

Ronald and Nancy's daughter Patti, who once ran away from home with a member of the Eagles pop group, has been inundated with acting and recording contracts since her father's election. Their son Ron Jr. will continue his promising career as a ballet dancer with the Joffrey Two company in New York City.

Some faces familiar from the Nixon-Ford era, who have spent the last four years in powerlessness (though usually lucrative) exile, will be back on the scene. Foremost among them, of course, will be Henry Kissinger. He and his wife Nancy are already back in evidence on the Georgetown circuit.

Former President Gerald Ford, who played an energetic role in Reagan's election campaign, will also be much in evidence. The word is, however, that Nancy Reagan and Betty Ford don't get on too well. "How can she flaunt her recovery from alcoholism?" Nancy is said to have asked a mutual friend. "She shouldn't have had a drink problem in the first place."

And the stage seems to be set, seven years on, for the return to society Washington of Richard Nixon, from whose disgrace the Republican Party has so dramatically recovered. He too has already made his social debut — at a reception recently in the Russian embassy. As the former president boarded the shuttle flight back to New York, all the passengers stood and cheered. (OFNS)

Doubts behind Poland's joy

By Mark Frankland

WARSAW — Last Monday evening at seven o'clock in the Teatr Wielki, Warsaw's opera house, a grey-haired woman in a long evening dress walked with dignity to a microphone at the front of the bare stage. Behind her, against black curtains, hung in large, cut-out, red letters, the word *Solidarnosc*, a red and white Polish flag growing from the last vertical stroke of the letter "n".

Halina Mikolajska, grand dame of the Polish theater, and member of the intellectual dissident group KOR, had come to pay homage to Poland's new independence trade union *Solidarnosc*. But first the audience insisted on paying homage to her, applauding then rising to their feet.

The evening had been arranged by the Warsaw branch of *Solidarnosc* and, because of the decision of the Polish Supreme Court earlier in the day, which ended the conflict between the government and the union over the latter's statutes, it turned out to be a happy celebration.

But a celebration of what? Madame Mikolajska, who read a poem by the 19th century mystical nationalist poet Slowacki, was followed for more than an hour by well-known actors and actresses reciting the work of Poland's most famous writers. There was the poem "To Our Russian Brothers" by Poland's greatest poet Adam Mickiewicz, a tirade against Czarist tyranny in the last century over both a Poland that had lost its independence and over the Russian people themselves.

There were poems by Czeslaw Milosz, the emigre poet who has just won, to the delight of ordinary Poles, and the shames of the previous government which banned his works, the Nobel Prize for Literature. Seldom have I heard poetry recited or listened to with such intensity. The voice of a single actor would flood the huge theater with the explosive sounds and elegant rhythms of the Polish language, and it was as though the audience bathed in it.

Most of the poems had patriotic themes, and as

the evening went on the great red word *Solidarnosc* took on a different meaning. This was homage to the new Solidarity of Polish workers, but it was also the expression of a new feeling of national solidarity among Poles.

By the celebration's end there was no doubt that this was an evening of homage to Poland. A political cabaret star, who had the audience cheering and laughing, ended by singing a song with a march-tune refrain: "So that Poland might be Poland." At first the audience clapped in time to the rhythm. Then they stood and sang.

It reminded me of the scene outside the supreme court a few hours earlier, when Lech Walesa, *Solidarnosc*'s leader, announced that the court's decision was favorable to the union and the crisis was over.

The crowd of several thousand started to sing the national anthem. I was standing near some young people. One often reads of eyes that shine but this was one of the few times I have seen truly shining eyes. They sparkled like gems as the young men and women repeated the words their ancestors have sung for the last century in moments of patriotic elation and despair. Where else in Europe is patriotism so physically thrilling as in this country, where its fulfillment is so hard?

And there lies the danger. *Solidarnosc*'s success, first won by the agreements reached at the end of August between the government and striking workers on the Baltic coast and confirmed by the court judgement, has brought Poland to life.

But what can Poland expect from life in the 1980s, its economy nearly ruined by bad management and its freedom of movement likely to be squeezed by any worsening of East-West relations?

What, to return to the song the audience joined in singing, does "Poland being Poland" mean at the end of the 20th century? The celebration at the opera house expressed the wish with eloquent emotion but it did not help explain in what, if any, it might be made real.

U.S., Greece set for deal on bases

By Harold Byatt

ATHENS — Anti-American and anti-NATO slogans have been freshly daubed all over Greece but the feeling in Athens is that the government's decision to return to NATO's military wing has been accepted by the country at large. The next controversial step is to conclude an agreement on the future of the four vital United States bases in Greece, on which negotiations are under way in Athens.

The four installations are an air base next to Athens Airport, Nea Makri fleet communications station north of Athens, Souda Bay Sixth Fleet refueling station, and an electronic surveillance post on Crete.

There are signs that both sides are anxious to sign an agreement as soon as possible. The negotiations are based on an agreement initiated by both parties in 1977, but which the Greek government would not sign while outside NATO. The terms of Greece's return to NATO's military structure are still secret. Reliable sources maintain the text is very brief — a mere four paragraphs, in comparison with an original nine-page NATO proposal rejected by Greece in 1978.

No attempt has been made to settle any of the bilateral issues between Greece and Turkey. This is considered a major concession on Turkey's part, considering Ankara's aspirations in the Aegean.

Greece is returning to NATO, say official sources in Athens, without any change in the operational control status that applied in the Aegean until 1974, when the Greeks pulled out in protest at the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. However, provision is made for the examination of Turkish proposals for changes in the zones of responsibility of the two countries.

The Greek government claims an unqualified success for its protest, since Turkey has agreed both to Greece's return and discussion of any outstanding bilateral issues after reintegration. This, the government believes, enables Greece to negotiate from a position of strength and use its veto if necessary.

The Greek political opposition, however, maintains that mere acceptance of an obligation to discuss Turkish claims in the Aegean amounts to a betrayal of national rights. Andreas Papandreu, leader of the main opposition PASOK Socialist Party, has expressed concern about the procedure Greece would now have to follow in seeking a solution to Greek-Turkish differences. He claims the only course open will be direct negotiation under American arbitration, which could eventually lead to a partition of the Aegean.

Nonetheless, the government in Athens has good reason to feel satisfied. It regards the military takeover in Turkey as a blessing in disguise because it led to a dramatic about-face in Ankara which made agreement possible. The government can now rely on the wholehearted backing of the Greek armed forces, who have greeted reintegration with relief.



— Al Medina

Supplies Gulf labor market

Indian state sees prosperity in education

By Tyler Marshall
TRIVANDRUM, India (LAT) — Each morning as the sun begins to warm the coconut palms, the roads of this tropical town fill with crowds of freshly scrubbed, barefoot children on their way to school.

The scene is startling in South Asia, where primary schools are largely the domain of the privileged.

But the children of Trivandrum — and those throughout India's southwestern state of Kerala — represent one of the most comprehensive and consistent commitments to mass education in all the Third World.

Mass education is deeply rooted in Kerala. The concept was introduced by Christian missionaries in the 16th century and was encouraged by enlightened Hindu Maharajas. Since India became independent from Britain in 1947, Kerala's governments have continued the tradition of investing in the people, even though the state is backward and, because of its remoteness, has little chance to develop any industry. The investment has paid dividends.

"We're a bit like Lebanon," one Keralite said. "We have people and little else. The impact of the Christians gave us real advantages." Today Kerala's adult literacy rate is 70 percent, about twice the national average.

Many social scientists argue that Kerala's commitment to education, coupled with an effective public health program, is responsible for its abnormally low infant mortality rate and its high life expectancy, as well as the success of a family planning program that has dropped the state's population growth rate well below the national average of 2 percent.

"The world bank's 1980 report on development cited Kerala as a model of Third-World human development, noting that it had 'achieved literacy and life expectancy that are usually reached at incomes per person near the top of the middle income range.'"

Kerala attracted world attention of another sort in 1957, when the Communist Party took over the state as the result of a narrow election victory. Two years later, after a series of anti-Communist demonstrations, the central government in New Delhi forced the state government out until new elections could be conducted. The now-divided Communist Party is again in power in Kerala, as a part of a leftist coalition, but the approach has been much more moderate than that taken by the radicals of the '50s.

The state's emphasis on education is both a cause and a result of an unusual level of tolerance born of a history far different from the rest of India's. Cut off from the rest of South Asia by a rugged mountain range known as the Western Ghats, the 300-mile-long sliver of coastline that is Kerala was sheltered from the invasions that swept over most of India during the last 500 years. Kerala's history was shaped in trade winds of the Arabian sea, which brought the first Christians and Arabs to the Malabar coast as traders rather than conquerors.

The Hindus of Kerala maintained one of the most rigidly enforced caste systems anywhere in India, but they were strangely tolerant of new ideas. Thus Christianity and Islam gained a foothold without a fight. Today, Kerala's large Christian and Moslem minorities, which together comprise 40 percent of the state's 25 million people, live in communal harmony with Hindus even though they are crowded together in one of the most densely populated areas of the globe. The harmony is another benefit of education. Keralites of all religions say they don't understand the emotions that fuel

communal riots in India's northern cities.

In addition to enhancing the quality of life Kerala's educational investment has paid off economically, too. Exposure to ideas brought by Arab, Portuguese, French and British settlers has made Keralites an eager and sought after commodity on international labor markets. Those with university degrees find jobs in the Middle East, Africa, Southeast Asia and, to a lesser extent, the United States and Europe. Other Keralites, who would have worked as clerks or laborers in Singapore, Burma and Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) under British colonial rule, can be found today in the Arabian Gulf area, sending the bulk of their earnings home.

Those lucky enough to get jobs abroad are usually paid salaries beyond their wildest dreams. A high school graduate making \$40 a month as a company driver in Trivandrum can make \$ 600 a month on the same job in Dubai or Kuwait. Government officials estimate that in the last few years Keralites have sent home from the Gulf area an average of \$ 500 million a year, most of which has gone into land or consumer goods.

"The ultimate motive is to purchase property," said Narayan Swami, manager of the Bank of Baroda in the small coastal town of Varkala, 30 miles northwest of here. About

60 per cent of the town's working men are to the Gulf area. "There is no employment here, so everyone has gone," Swami said.

The Gulf boom has driven land prices in some areas of Kerala to hundreds of times their value of a few years ago, and generated clusters of beautifully built, garishly painted private homes throughout the state.

A civil servant mentioned a three-story house built by a small-time building contractor whose prime goal was to prove he had made it big in Kuwait. The house, filled with Scandinavian furniture and gadgets, had elevators at both ends. "He employed a watchman with orders to show anyone interested around the place," the civil servant said.

Efforts to attract some of the money sent home into industrial development projects have failed. With India's nationalized banks ill-equipped to attract long-term foreign exchange deposits, most workers keep their money in short-term savings accounts until they have enough to buy what they want.

Consumer spending has also risen sharply. New car sales in Kerala rank among the highest in India. N.P. Arumughan, who manages a refrigerator dealership in Trivandrum, said business was brisk despite a quadrupling of competition in the last two years. "A



EDUCATION: a priority in Kerala

refrigerator is no longer a luxury here," he said. "It's a necessity."

While there is resentment toward Gulfers for driving prices out of reach of those tied to low, fixed local incomes, Kerala's highly developed extended family network provides most with at least some benefit of the Gulf money. A banker in the port city of Cochin, for example, owns his own home thanks to a gift from his wife's brother, a computer engineer in Bahrain.

Keralites who have gone abroad also take part in an informal but often effective type of welfare system. "We often receive money from overseas subscribers who have read about someone in trouble here," said M.S. Mani, editor of the Kala Kaumudi group of newspapers.

But even families untouched by the Gulf boom often receive money from relatives whose educational advantage has won them

well-paid jobs elsewhere in India. Remittances from other states in India dwarf what comes in from abroad," a finance ministry official said.

Despite a growing number of educated unemployed, who are estimated to number more than half a million, Kerala's leftist government sees no reason to lessen its commitment to education. This year, more than a third of its \$700 million budget for development services will go to ensure free quality schooling for every child in the state between the ages of 5 and 17.

"We're trying to improve the primary schooling by adding more science to the curriculum," state education minister Baby John said. John also talks of introducing a pre-school program in the near future.

Despite the dearth of opportunity, low wages and reduced living standards, most Keralites who go abroad eventually return, pulled by family and emotional ties.

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Budget powers nixed**Reagan meets congressional leaders**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan made a bid Tuesday for improved White House relations with Congress and said his support for a plan to cut taxes 30 per cent over three years "still holds true."

But the Democratically-controlled House of Representatives rejected by 232 votes to 154 a Republican bid to give Reagan strong power to control spending after he becomes president.

The Republicans wanted to give Reagan authority to refuse to spend money appropriated by Congress, power that Congress took away from the presidency during Richard Nixon's administration.

Reagan also said that while he believes "heart and soul" in civil rights, he feels efforts to achieve school integration through busing have failed and that he would support legislation that would end the program.

Reagan made his comments in an informal news conference in a Senate corridor after a round of meetings with House and Senate leaders, both Republicans and Democrats.

Promising cooperation with Congress, Reagan said, "We're not going to throw surprises up there at the Hill." He drew pledges of cooperation from the congressional leaders in return.



Representative O'Neill

Asked about reports that U.S. Senator John Tower was under consideration as his secretary of defense, Reagan said, "I've been reading more things by people who know than I do."

Reagan and Vice President-elect George Bush later paid a courtesy call on House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, who said he told the president-elect, "I would not criticize him for six months and we would work to turn American around and make the economy

work."

Unlike the Senate, which will be dominated by Republicans next year, the House remains under Democratic control.

Senate majority leader Robert Byrd, who will be minority leader in the Senate beginning in January, also pledged to cooperate with the president-elect when Reagan stopped by his office.

"We and the Democratic minority... will be cooperative. We will offer our assistance. We certainly want to see the new president and the new administration succeed," Byrd said. "We indicated there would be times there would be a difference of opinion, but we hoped those times would be infrequent and when we could not agree we would disagree constructively."

Reagan told reporters: "We can't accomplish anything without the cooperation of the House and Senate."

House Republicans, commenting on the defeat of the call for spending control, accused the Democrats of trying to shackle Reagan to a Democratic budget. But the Democrats argued that Congress should no surrender the right to control spending to the president. The House also approved a bill calling for a \$631.7 billion budget for the 1981 financial year that began Oct. 1.

the army's dissatisfaction about low pay.

The regime was awaiting new pronouncements by President Aristides Pereira of the sister state of Cape Verde, against which the coup appears partly to have been aimed. The two countries are ruled by branches of the same political movement, the African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands (PAIGC), which wrested independence from Portugal in 1975.

Pereira enjoys prestige as the secretary-general of the PAIGC and Vieira has reportedly invited him to visit Bissau, assuring him of his fidelity to the ideals of the PAIGC.

The Cape Verde leader, who initially expressed concern about the coup, sent messages Monday to 18 African heads of state and to Cuban President Fidel Castro, chairman of the non-aligned movement, and Portugal, calling for the protection of Cabral and the Cape Verdean community in Guinea-Bissau.

Bissau Radio broadcast repeated assurances after the coup that the takeover had not been motivated by racial reasons and that racial violence would be severely punished.

The coup leaders are black and all from Guinea-Bissau, while Cabral and many of his aides were from Cape Verde, where people are lighter skinned. The opposition Guinean National Liberation Front (FLING) Tuesday praised the coup by what it called "genuine sons" of Guinea-Bissau in a letter to Vieira.

Acceptance grows for upstart Guinea-Bissau regime

BISSAU, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Guinea-Bissau's new military rulers rallied further support Tuesday for their seizure of power as life returned to normal in the capital.

Reliable sources said Gen. Constantino Teixeira, the powerful interior and security minister in the regime of President Luiz Cabral who was ousted last Friday, had decided to back the new government. He is in Lisbon, where he was at the time of the coup.

The former economic coordination minister, Vasco Cabral, who has been granted political asylum in Sweden and to whose embassy here he fled after being shot in the takeover, said on the radio Tuesday he would

Panda population up

BEIJING, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Panda bears — the rare animals unique to China — are increasing in numbers again, the *Guangming Daily* has reported.

The newspaper said peasants in the Baoxing County of southwest China's Sichuan province had spotted several pandas and their cubs recently. Latest statistics, however, put the panda population at 1,000 with 60 in captivity. There were several thousand at the beginning of the century.

A conservation program was started in autumn following the deaths of nearly 150 pandas in 1975 and 1976 because their natural food source — young bamboo shoots — had disappeared from various Sichuan regions.

Atlantic alliance tops Schmidt-Carter meet

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will bid farewell to outgoing United States President Jimmy Carter Thursday at a meeting during which they will also review world problems and relations within the Atlantic alliance.

He will call at the White House within an hour of President-elect Ronald Reagan, who will be seeing Carter for the first time since defeating him in the Nov. 4 elections.

But Reagan is sticking to protocol and refusing to see foreign leaders before his inauguration on Jan. 20, and he will not meet Schmidt even though they will be staying just around the corner from each other while in Washington.

State Department officials said they expected Schmidt would want to review a wide range of world issues. High on the list would be East-West tensions and concerns

about Afghanistan and Poland, the Gulf war and its impact on oil supplies over the next year, and allied defense programs.

Officials said they did not expect lengthy discussion about conflicting statements from Bonn on whether West Germany would fulfill its North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) commitment to boost defense spending by three per cent annually.

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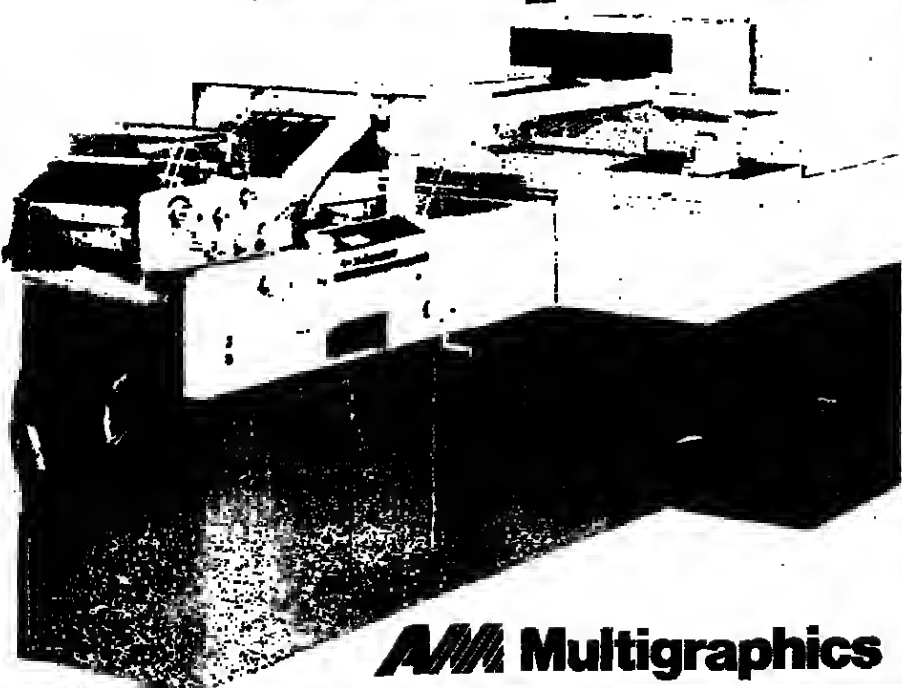
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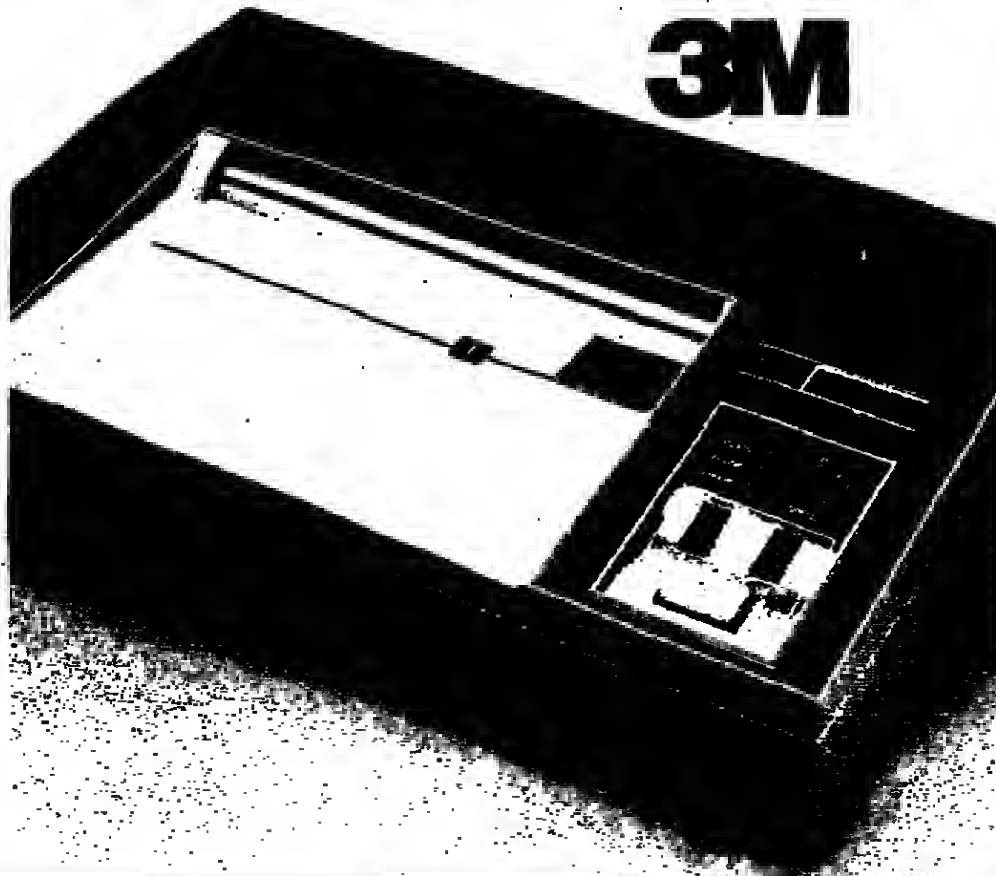
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Violence, poverty plague Spain

Socialists fear erosion of rights; Franco extolled

MADRID, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Five years after the death of Gen. Francisco Franco on Nov. 20, 1975, Spain is faced with two staggering problems — political violence, mainly in the Basque provinces, and a serious economic crisis.

There have been 391 terrorist killings since Franco's death and the unemployment total has risen to 1,300,000 out of a total population of 34 million.

Felipe Gonzalez, head of the main opposition Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE), believes that these two problems, if not solved, could threaten the existence of democracy in this country.

But observers here detect and even greater cause for concern. After 40 years of iron rule by Franco, the introduction of democracy here in phases was greeted by enthusiastic mass rallies. This issue no longer causes any interest in the country, especially amongst young people, and the new parties formed in the post-Franco era have seen their members desert in massive numbers.

If Spanish political commentators are to be believed, then the most widespread feeling in the country is one of "disillusionment", and young people have gone from "contestation" to taking drugs.

Terrorism, ever-present even during Franco's rule, has grown worse since his death. The yearly death toll has risen from 25 in 1975 to 123 in the first 10 months of this year.

Terrorist attacks were mainly carried out by ETA, the Basque separatist movement, which has continued its armed struggle for independence despite the 1977 general amnesty of ETA members jailed under Franco and the statute of Basque autonomy approved by the October 1979 referendum.

Various possible solutions to the Basque issue have been wrecked on the intransigence of ETA, which is demanding the withdrawal of the Spanish police, which it refers to as the "occupation forces", and the Basques' right of self-determination.

The ETA has set up commandos which are totally ignorant of each other's existence and therefore if one is smashed by the police, there are no clues to the others. In addition, unlike other European countries where terrorists are active, the ETA can count on the support of a large part of the local population — the Basques.

This is highlighted by the fact that the coalition of Basque independence parties, "Herri Batasuna", regarded as the political wing of ETA, won 12 out of 60 seats in the Basque autonomous parliament in the March election.



Francisco: Were things better then?

Violent political action manifests itself in Madrid through the "October Armed Groups" (GRAPO) movement which has killed 25 officers in the past three years, including six generals, and several dozen police.

The authorities look on these attacks as threatening the unity and structure of Spain, and there is no doubt they have caused great emotion amongst the leadership of the armed forces and police.

The legalization of the Spanish Communist Party in 1977 was already the cause of disturbances in army barracks, and led to the resignation of several Franco's former comrades-in-arms.

Despite alarming rumors of an army coup d'état known by the code name of "operation Galaxia," the army accepted the new



Gonzalez: Violence, poverty threaten democracy

November 1978 constitution, which won the support of 88 per cent of the electorate in the constitutional referendum the following month.

The political problems stirred up by the transition led to the aggravation of Spain's economic crisis — unemployment today is three times higher than in 1975 and affects 13 per cent of the working population. The budget deficit has risen this year for the first time to \$7.5 billion.

Democracy has so far not brought Spain the material prosperity that was hoped for. The extreme right, which is a tiny minority — the Francoists only won two per cent of the votes in the December 1978 referendum — have as their new slogan: "We Lived Better Under Franco."

Killings prompt inquiry

French police trigger-happy?

PARIS, Nov. 19 (Guardian) — An internal inquiry has been started in the French gendarmerie after a series of killings which have led to a fear that the French police force has become deliberately trigger-happy.

In one week three people have been killed and two seriously injured by gendarmes who are said to be in a state of extreme tension following the murders of two of their men and injuries to four others in gun battles during the past month.

The latest in a grim series was the killing of a motorist as he drove into a gendarmerie parking lot for protection as he was chased by policemen firing from a car. The motorist, who had accidentally driven through a police speed check, was killed by a burst of sub-machine gun bullets fired by a gendarme he knew well.

The gendarmerie, in the village of Saint Macaire in the southwestern department of the Gironde, was just outside the house of the late Prime Minister, Jacques Chirac, then leader of the right-wing organization.

The fact that the killing was in the Gironde is as a coincidence as three of the other gendarmerie shootings were in the department near Bordeaux and two of them were fatal. They followed a series of attacks on gendarmes against the background of a trial where a Paris jury pronounced the death sentence for the first time in 17 years after finding a man guilty of killing a policeman. Thirteen police have been shot to death by terrorists or criminals this year and the fear of police vengeance is one of the main reasons why the government refuses to abolish the guillotine. But the affair which seems to have caused the reaction in the Gironde was the siege of a house during which a gunman injured three gendarmes including the head of the gendarmerie's special intervention squad Captain Philippe Prouteau. The man, who had family problems, shot the captain when he went to try to talk him into surrendering. The gendarmes special intervention squad is an elite anti-gang and anti-terrorist group which specializes in freeing hostages.

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DELIVERY: May, 1979.
CLASS: Germanischer Lloyd 100 A 4
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Iraq airs readiness to export crude oil

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP) — Iraq says it is ready to resume some crude oil exports for the first time since the war with Iran forced a shutdown of both countries' oil shipments in late September, industry sources told the Associated Press Tuesday. But the sources expressed doubts that Iraq oil shipments could resume while the war continues.

The Gulf war has removed more than 3 million barrels of Iraqi oil and 700,000 to 900,000 barrels of Iranian oil a day from world markets. The sources, who asked not to be identified, said Iraq had announced to several customers that the oil shipments would be made through a 1960 km long pipeline connecting Iraq's main oilfields with the port of Ceyhan on Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

But one source questioned why Iraq would take the risk of renewing oil shipments "so long as Iran still has the air power." *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly*, a trade publication, said it understood that the oil Iraq initially offered to "about five" long-term customers

amounted to between 7.3 million and 11 million barrels.

The report could not be confirmed by American companies that had been buying Iranian oil before the war began.

The trade newspaper *Platt's Oilgram News*, meanwhile, said in Wednesday's edition that Ali Shams Ardikani, Iran's ambassador to Kuwait, claimed in an interview that bomb damaged key pumping station on the Iraqi pipeline to Turkey would take nine months to repair.

Platt's reported earlier that Iran has told South Korea it would resume shipping an unspecified amount of crude oil to Korea through southern Iranian ports far from the war at the Gulf's northern tip.

Ardikani also is quoted by *Platt's* as saying Iran could resume oil exports of 1 million barrels a day from its main oil port at Kharg Island, 320 km southeast of the main war area, but that "the ships won't come now" because of the fighting.

"If they (the ships) came, we would give them oil," *Platt's* quoted Ardikani as saying.

OPEC expected to raise price 10% by end of year

LONDON, Nov. 19 (R) — OPEC is expected to increase the price of its oil by at least 10 per cent by the end of the year, western oil industry executives said Wednesday, they said the price of oil sold by OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — was also likely to rise further during 1981, with the rate of increase probably determined by how long the Gulf war interrupts exports from Iraq and Iran.

London oil analysts said price increases before January could be much more than 10 per cent unless oil companies could be persuaded to draw on stocks to make up the loss of Iraqi and Iranian supplies, rather than buy high-priced oil on the free market.

OPEC's 13 members have officially frozen prices until Dec. 15 when oil ministers meet in Bali, Indonesia.

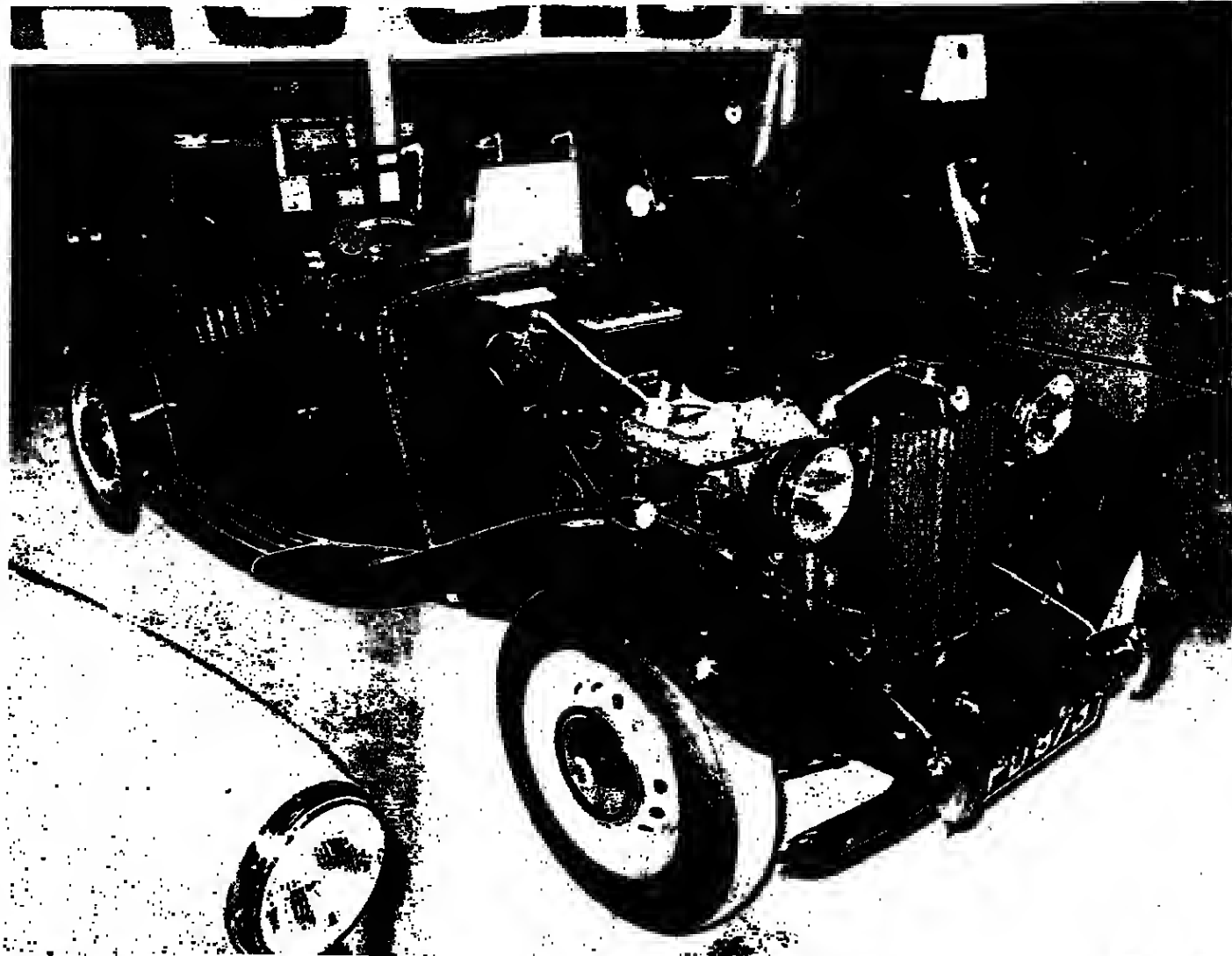
But the United Arab Emirates has already

raised its prices by two dollars a barrel. Some others have imposed premiums on extra oil made available to help offset the loss of two million barrels per day (BPD) from Iraq and Iran.

Others have placed oil on the spot, non-contract market where prices have soared because of the Gulf war to around \$40 for a 42-U.S.-gallon barrel, compared with an official average of just above \$32.

Only a tiny volume of crude has actually changed hands on the spot market and analysts do not expect the interruption of Iraqi and Iranian exports causing a global shortage of oil serious enough to warrant panic-buying.

Stocks in major consumer countries still exceed 100 days' normal supply and oil company executives report that recession is continuing to trim demand.



CLASSIC CAR SHOW: At the Classic Car Show 1980, held in London's Earls Court recently, many restored and faithfully reproduced classic cars of the past were on show. (Picture shows 1953 MGTD 125cc sports car).

Reagan's change of policy

U.S. seeking support for grain embargo

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (Guardian) — In spite of last-ditch efforts by the Jimmy Carter administration to shore up support for the grain embargo against the Soviet Union, the signs are that it will be abandoned by President Ronald Reagan shortly after he takes office. Knowledgeable sources in the American wheat industry said recently that their discussions with the advisers on Reagan's transition team had left them in no doubt that there would be a change of policy.

As part of president Carter's effort to rally support, the assistant secretary for International Affairs in the U.S. department of Agriculture, Dale Hathaway, is now attending a conference of grain exporting nations in Australia. He was hoping to persuade the EEC countries, the Canadians, Argentinians,

and Australians to cut back on the amounts of grain they have been selling to the Russians in the past nine months.

In the six months after President Carter's imposition of the embargo in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Australians sold Moscow almost as much grain as they had supplied during the whole of the 1979 selling season. Argentina's sales were at much the same level. The estimates by American experts are that Russian purchases fell short by about 6 million tons this year, much less than had been assumed by the White House when the ban was imposed.

One of the difficulties facing Hathaway in his negotiations is that Australian growers were infuriated by the conclusion of the Sino-American grain deal last month, regard-

ing it as a serious invasion of a market traditionally regarded as their own. It has not put the Australian government into a particularly receptive mood to hear pleas for a restriction of their sales to the Soviet market.

Some American experts feel that there are greater technical difficulties in removing the embargo than may be appreciated by the Reagan team. Miss Margie Williams, director of governmental affairs at the national association of wheat growers, said last week that "the practicalities are likely to be complicated. Are they going to take it off all at once? Are they going to allow them to buy beyond the current limits? There are a lot of technical problems to be ironed out in all this."

Other sources in the American industry, however, said that the move may come as part of a broader renegotiation of the current Soviet-American wheat agreement. That expires in September and any talks about either renewing it or devising a new agreement will need to start shortly after the new administration takes office. At much the same time, the regulations brought in by the U.S. department of commerce to enforce the ban will need renewal since they only have legal force for one year.

An official in one of the grain milling organizations said "you only have to look at the people on the transition advisory team to know what's going to happen. One of them is a director of continental grain (the largest marketing organization in America) and you can imagine what his advice is going to be". Another source in the industry who has been involved in talks with the Reagan advisers said flatly "it's coming off".

Italian government reviews plan for energy investment

ST. VINCENT, North West Italy, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Italy will have to pay more than any other country in the European Economic Community (EEC) to reduce its energy dependence, an International Energy Meeting was told here.

The Italian government is preparing to approve an ambitious \$90,000 million energy investment plan for the period up to 1990. Participants at the meeting considered Italy's dependence on energy to be a particularly serious matter.

They pointed to two key factors: oil accounts for 68 per cent of the nation energy

consumption, and it is difficult to carry major energy savings in the absence of replacement energy forms. Italy imported 83 per cent of the 210 million oil tons equivalent it used last year. The government is to keep oil import grown to 100 million tons per annum in 1990, while diversifying resources.

Emphasis will be laid on coal consumption. Delegates here declared it would be difficult to develop other forms of energy.

The maximum figure for hydroelectricity should be 10,000 million kilowatt-hours, and, as one delegate affirmed, would be a major triumph if geothermal energy could attain one-quarter of this output figure.

Stored oil available despite war

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (R) — The world has enough stored oil at present, although there were a lot of losses caused by the Iran-Iraq war, a senior State Department official said Wednesday.

Richard Cooper, under secretary of state for economic affairs, said that stocks at the outset of the fighting two months ago were so high it would take a prolonged war to reduce them to normal levels.

But as the war continued, the United States and European Economic Community countries would need to take action during the next year to stop depletion of their supplies. He did not specify what the action should be.

Cooper told a press conference that the world oil outlook figured prominently among economic issues reviewed this week at a semi-annual meeting of U.S. and Common Market delegates.

He said that disruption of oil production caused by the war resulted in a daily shortfall of about 1.5 million barrels. But the world had about 500 million barrels more than normal to draw upon.

Member nations of the International Energy Agency were urging their oil companies to draw on stocks. The companies were also being urged to stay out of the volatile spot market.

Sir Roy Denman, director-general for European Community External relations, who was appearing with Cooper, said that EEC energy ministers would discuss the outlook at a meeting on Nov. 27. He also said that Europe was urging Japan to exercise more restraint in its vehicle and other exports. Europe also expected some opening up of Japan's markets.

Meanwhile, French Industry Minister Andre Girard has asked oil companies to ease up their stocks as slowly as possible despite supply problems caused by the Gulf war, the ministry said Wednesday. A ministry statement denied reports that Girard had raised France's legal strategic stock requirement from the 90 days of normal consumption fixed last year.

It said the Iran-Iraq conflict would inevitably force companies to draw on their stocks, which stood well above the 90-day limit when the war began. But it added: "The minister has written to the oil companies to ask that this reduction should not occur in France any more rapidly than is required by the international supply situation."

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Bahraini Dinar	—	8.50	8.85
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Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	—
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Dutch Guilder (100)	154.00	—	160.80
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	89.00	90.20
French Franc (100)	74.00	76.00	75.36
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	43.00
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	37.00	36.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.80
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.08	11.04
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	—	—
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	94.00	122.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	83.00	81.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.93	8.00	7.97
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.40	91.00
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	44.50	45.75
Swiss Franc (100)	192.00	193.00	193.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
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U.S.-China trade increased by 28%

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP) — The two-way trade of the People's Republic of China increased nearly 28 per cent in 1979 compared with a 30 per cent increase in 1978, the U.S. Department of Commerce said.

Although the trade deficit nearly doubled to the equivalent of \$2 billion it was mostly offset by earnings of \$1.8 billion from services and transfers, the department said.

Net earnings from tourism amounted to the equivalent of \$446 million — 54 per cent above the 1978 level. The remainder consisted of remittances from overseas Chinese, return on investments in Hong Kong, and net earnings from merchant shipping and other services.

Technology-intensive imports nearly tripled in value last year rising from 6.7 per cent of total imports in 1978 to 14.7 per cent in 1979, the department said in a special report on the economy of China. Purchases of agricultural inputs, such as fertilizer, pesticides, and seed, were up 20.7 per cent, while a 30 per cent rise was reported for imports of grain, fats and oils, sugar, television sets, tape recorders and other consumer goods.

Imports of heavy industrial goods, such as rolled steel, ferrous metals, pig iron and iron ore, fell below the 1978 level, reflecting a shift in economic priorities away from heavy industry.

The value of heavy industrial products in total exports rose dramatically last year, from 25.5 per cent to 31.9 per cent owing to the steep increase in crude oil prices, the commerce department reported. Oil exports reached an estimated figure equivalent to \$1.6 billion nearly 12 per cent of total exports.

Light industrial products accounted for 45 per cent of overseas sales and raw agricultural products for 23.1 per cent.

The department said China will have to borrow abroad to cover the current account deficits anticipated in the 1980s. Although in 1979 an estimated \$30 billion in government-to-government credits was made available from various West European countries and Japan, very little has yet been committed.

"In the near future, China can be expected to seek concessional credits from institutions such as the World Bank and national export-financing banks to help offset payments deficits and to finance the construction of basic infrastructure essential for further industrial growth," the department said.

The Commerce Department said the Chinese leadership "is focusing on several problem areas which will have to be addressed if growth and development are to proceed in coming years," it said these include:

— The bureaucracy. "Improvement of the responsiveness and initiative of the bureaucracy at all levels is necessary, but can probably be achieved only gradually. Frequent policy switches in the past and the prominence of politics in economic decision-making have focused a wait and see attitude."

— Agriculture. "This remains the economy's weak sector. As the sector employing the greatest number of people, agriculture must generate the bulk of the investment funds needed to modernize the economy. Some new policies now being tried on an experimental basis may lead to fundamental changes in the organization of rural activity."

BRIEFS

GHARTOUM, (R) — Japan has agreed to provide Sudan with \$4 million in grant aid for the purchase of fertilizers, agricultural chemicals and machinery, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said Wednesday, according to the Japanese embassy here, Japan provided only as much as \$2 million in 1978 and \$2.5 million last year for food production.

BRUSSELS, (R) — The European Economic Community Commission will next week begin a series of talks with the 12 member states to try to break a deadlock over the normalizing fishing quotas. EEC fisheries ministers agreed on this Tuesday night after two days of bargaining in which they failed to make any significant progress toward a new fisheries policy.

NEW YORK, (R) — Price surged ahead in the New York Stock exchange Wednesday, pushing the Dow Jones Industrial average to the verge of the psychological 1,000-point barrier which has not been crossed in nearly four years. The average of the industrial stocks peaked in mid-session at 999.49 and closed at 997.95, up 11.69 from Tuesday. The indicator has not exceeded 1,000 since Dec. 31, 1976, when it closed at 1,004.65.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, (AP) — Auto manufacturer Volvo and Beijerinvest, an investment company, Tuesday made their first move in their declared goal to expand in the energy field — roughly 20 hours after they announced the largest merger ever in Sweden. Volvo managing director Pehr G. Gyllenhammar, who saw a multimillion dollar deal with Norway fall through in 1979, told a news conference in Trondheim, Western Norway, that an independent foundation for cooperation in industry and energy in the Nordic area will be set up with Volvo-Beijerinvest backing.

EEC approves sharing units of account

BRUSSELS, Nov. 19 (AP) — European Common Market ministers have finally approved the sharing out of their 138.5 million Units of Account (\$185.6 million) aid to 15 non-associated developing countries for this year.

The Common Market also has a five-year \$7.8 billion aid program with 60 associated developing countries, mainly former French and British colonies.

France, however, Tuesday accepted the aid to non-associated countries with reservation, pending approval by the 9 Common Market countries of final regulations for channeling the aid. Officials said this was only a technical problem.

India will be the main beneficiary on the 138.5 million UA aid program. It will get 28 million UA (\$37.5 million). Sri Lanka will get 15.4 million UA (\$20.6 million), Thailand 15.3 million UA (\$20.5 million) and Bangladesh 10.6 million UA (\$14.2 million). Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Nepal and Maldives will share 20 million UA (\$26.6 million).

Honduras will be the main Latin American beneficiary, getting 7.8 million UA (\$10.5 million). Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru and other countries will share 10.6 million UA (\$15.5 million), six Latin American development agencies sharing 5 million UA (\$6.7 million).

A 8.5 million UA (\$11.4 million) aid had been earmarked for Angola and Zimbabwe, two Marxist African countries will join the Common Market five-year association convention. Germany, however, blocked the project for the two countries do not recognize West Berlin as part of West Germany. The aid will go to Zimbabwe instead.

The aid program to non-associated countries was also a 10 million UA (\$13.4 million) sum earmarked for relief work in various countries. Common Market development ministers also decided that food aid programs should be improved and extended, particularly through multinational programs.

Food aid now only includes cereals, skimmed milk powder and butter oil. Common Market experts believe it should also include various oils, peas, beans, etc.

Ministers, on the other hand, agreed on writing down promotion and protection of investment in any new agreement with developing countries. A detailed project will be submitted to their approval later.

As for the improvement of coordination between the community's development policy and its other policies, ministers said coordination should first be improved in the various community countries.

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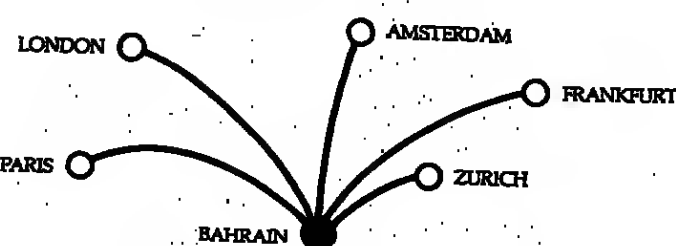
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Lakers dump Kings, 'Magic' may be lost

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 19 (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers won a game — but it may turn out to be a most costly victory.

Magic Johnson, the Lakers' brilliant back-court leader, suffered suspected cartilage damage to his right knee and had to be helped from the court during the second quarter of the Lakers' 107-94 National Basketball Association victory over the Kansas City Kings Tuesday night.

Dr. Robert Kerlan, the Lakers' team physician, examined Johnson and said the injury was "a suspected tear to the posterior horn of the medial semi-lunar cartilage." X-rays and further tests were scheduled for Wednesday to determine the extent of the injury.

"I went to cut, to pick up my man, and the knees said, 'I'm not going with you,'" said Johnson, the second-year man who leads the league in assists and steals and ranks 10th in scoring with 22.4 points per game. "I heard something pop or crack."

In other NBA games Tuesday night, the Philadelphia 76ers beat New York Knicks 113-99, the Atlanta Hawks topped the San Antonio Spurs 97-93, the Phoenix Suns stopped the Dallas Mavericks 102-91, the Boston Celtics edged the Chicago Bulls 113-112, the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the San Diego Clippers 104-94, the Golden State Warriors topped the Washington Bullets 103-97, the Indiana Pacers beat the Detroit Pistons 102-97, the Houston Rockets outscored the Seattle SuperSonics 138-118, the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the Utah Jazz 126-93 and the Portland Trail Blazers downed the Denver Nuggets 122-103.

Jamaal Wilkes led the Lakers past Kansas City with 34 points, 20 of them in the second half. Three long jumpers by Wilkes in the last three minutes sealed the victory.

Norm Nixon added 18 points for the Lakers and Jim Chones had 16 points and a career-high 17 rebounds.

76ers 113, Knicks 99
Julius Erving scored seven of his 30 points in an 11-point Philadelphia surge in the final 4:45 as the 76ers pulled away from the Knicks to win for the 15th time in the last 16 games. The triumph averaged two early season losses to New York and increased their lead over the Knicks to three games in the Atlantic Division.

Hawks 97, Spurs 93
Atlanta broke its 10-game losing streak as

Eddie Johnson scored 24 points, including the clinching basket on a baseline jumper with 20 seconds left. George Gervin had 35 for San Antonio, including the Spurs' first 14 points of the game.

Cavaliers 104, Clippers 94

Cleveland, leading 71-70 in the third quarter, broke the game open with 11 consecutive points and coasted through the final period. Randy Smith scored 25 points and Mike Mitchell added 23 for the Cavs, while rookie Michael Brooks had 20 for San Diego, 17 in the second half.

Suns 102, Mavericks 91

Len "Truck" Robinson scored 24 points and Dennis Johnson added 23 points as Phoenix raised its record to 17-13, best in the NBA. The expansion Mavericks, meanwhile, dropped to 3-18. The worst mark in the league.

Warriors 103, Bullets 97

Golden State won its fourth in a row as guards Lloyd Free and John Lucas combined for 55 points and 13 assists. The Warriors jumped out to a 16-4 lead at the start and never trailed.

Pacers 102, Pistons 97

Centers Clemon Johnson and James Edwards helped Indiana dominate play in the final period as the Pacers edged Detroit its 16th defeat in 20 games.

Celtics 113, Bulls 112

Larry Bird scored four points made a key steal and grabbed three rebounds in the final four minutes as the Celtics edged the Bulls for their fourth consecutive victory.

Rockets 138, SuperSonics 118

Houston raced to a 68-51 halftime lead and coasted past Seattle as Moses Malone scored 33 points and pulled down 16 rebounds.

Bucks 126, Jazz 93

Reserve guard Sidney Moncrief scored 21 points and six other Milwaukee players also scored in doubled figures as the Bucks coasted past the Jazz.

Blazers 122, Nuggets 103

Jim Paxson scored 11 points and handed out four assists as Portland raced to a 21-6 lead the Nuggets never caught up. Paxson finished with 25 points, six assists and four steals.



CROWNED: American Jockey Steve Cauthen receives a "crown" from Chris McCarron at Meadowlands race track where European and American riders competed this week in the 2nd annual International Jockey Challenge Cup. Also pictured are, left to right, Willie Carson of Scotland, Moe Mercer of England, McCarron of the United States, and Cash Asrossen. Cauthen, who has been riding in England for the past two years, joined the U.S. team for the event.

Japan golf tourney opening

MIYAZAKI, Japan, Nov. 19 (AP) — Top golfers from Spain, Australia, Britain, the U.S., Taiwan and Japan are scheduled to compete in the \$300,000 Dunlop Phoenix tournament starting here Thursday. The winner will collect \$57,142.

The four-day tournament will be held at the 6,391-meter (3,971 yards), par-72 Miyazaki Phoenix Country Club course.

Participants include Tom Watson, top American money earner, and fellow American Andy Bean. American Bobby Wadkins 29, is the defending champion. He won the

1979 tournament with a four-under par 284, three shots better than Taiwan's Lu Liang Huan, who finished second.

Spain will be represented by Severino Ballesteros, the British Open and U.S. Masters champion, and Manuel Ballesteros.

Sandy Lyle, finalist in this year's world match play, will represent Britain along with Ken Brown.

Taiwan has entered six players, including veteran pros Kuo Chi-Hsiung and Hsieh Min Nan.

Monza again site of motorcycling

MONZA, Italy, Nov. 19 (AP) — World motorcycling events will be back in the Monza track in 1981, after a seven-year suspension because of a bloody accident, organizers announced here Tuesday.

The 981 world races of the 50, 125, 250, 350 and 500-cc classes will be held May 7-10 on the modified and improved track which will host the Italian Formula One Grand Prix

auto race the following September.

The Monza competition will be the fifth round of world races of the season, after Venezuela, Argentina, Austria and West Germany.

Motorcycling races had been banned from the Monza Autodrome after a 1973 accident in which two racers were killed. Other riders were injured in a mass spill.

WBC chief pushing more rest between rounds

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 19 (AP) — Jose Sulaiman, president of the World Boxing Council, said Tuesday he will propose increasing the rest period between rounds from the current 60 seconds to 90 seconds when the WBC meets here next month.

He said it is a consensus among many

boxers he has talked to that the break between rounds be increased, especially after the seventh round when the fighters are more fatigued.

The WBC has said much of the congress here will be devoted to sports medicine and the prevention of fatalities in the ring.

Evert ranked first in tennis

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19 (AP) — Chris Evert Lloyd regained her position as the world's top woman tennis player Tuesday, according to the Women's Tennis Association computer rankings. Lloyd had not held the top spot since Aug. 20, 1979.

She replaced Tracy Austin in the latest rankings as the world's No. 1 Woman player after the \$125,000 Florida Federation in Tampa last week. Austin was forced to default to Andrea Jaeger because of a hamstring muscle she pulled earlier in the week.

On Nov. 2, Austin led Lloyd in the ranking by only .28 of a percentage point going into the \$125,000 Porsche Grand Prix Classic in

Stuttgart, West Germany, a tournament Austin won last year. Lloyd did not play the 1980 event, wiping a semifinal loss from her record.

These factors combined to drop Austin's point average to 15.65 while Lloyd's average increased to 16.426.

At the same time Lloyd was overtaking Austin in the rankings, Hans Mandlikova was closing in on Lloyd in the collateral point standings. Mandlikova won the \$ 85,000 Dutch international indoors in Amsterdam, which was worth 50 Colgate points, and drew to within five points of Lloyd, the current leader.

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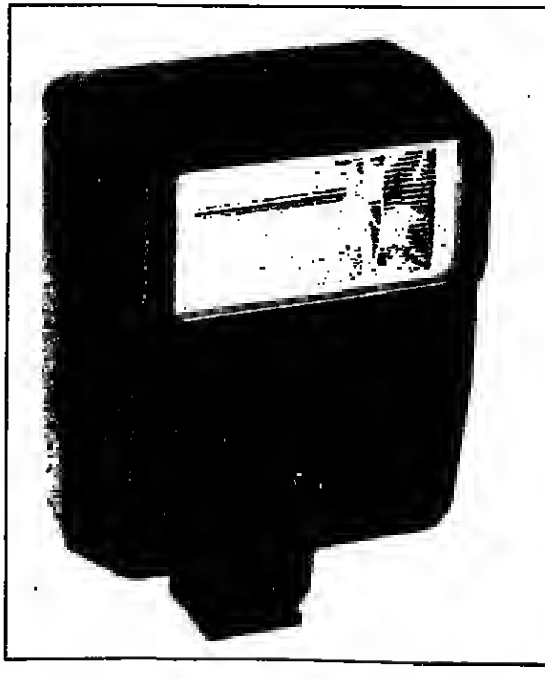
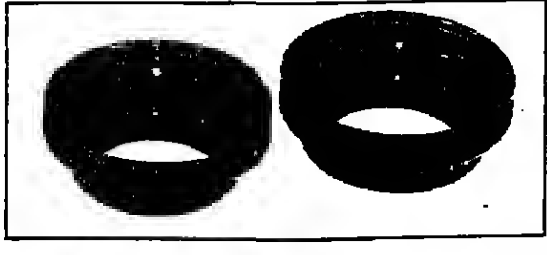
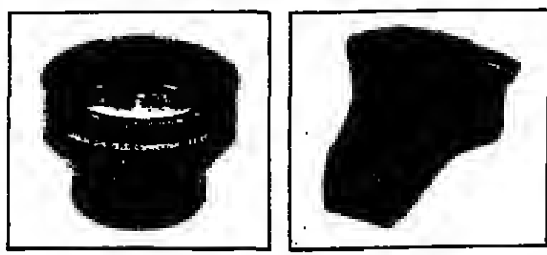
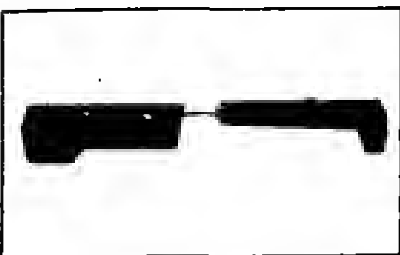
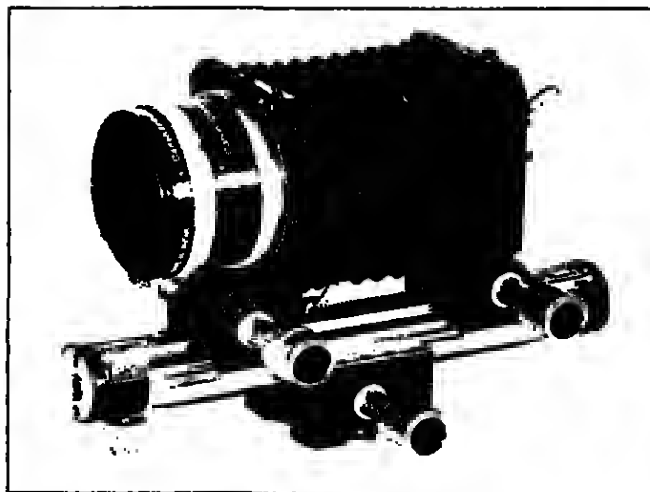
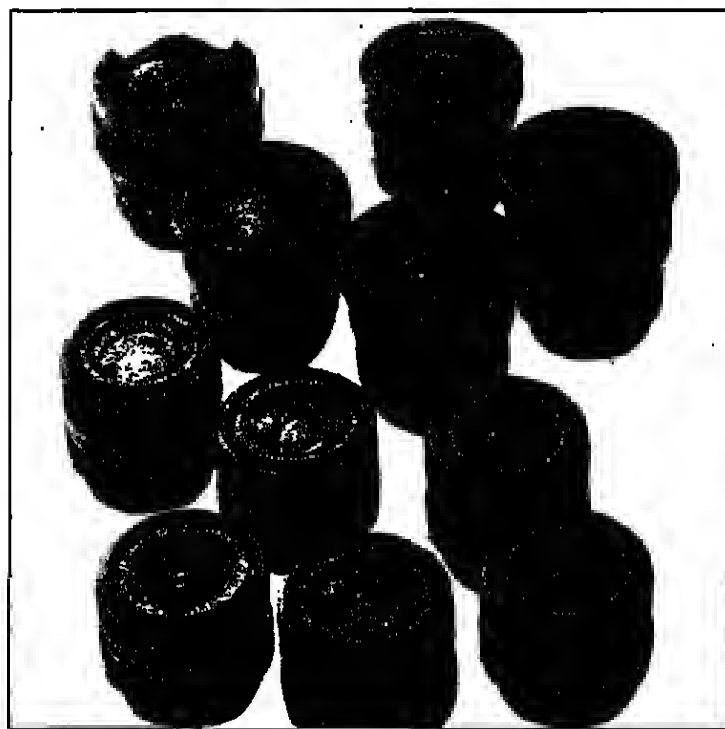
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Parsons takes 500, Earnhardt grabs Grand National

Tense Times 500 climaxed by comebacks

By Shay Glick

ONTARIO, Calif. Nov. 19 (LAT) — The Times 500 was billed as the last race of the Winston Cup series. Wind-stom Cup would have been more appropriate last Saturday.

Winds that gusted up to 70 mph lashed Ontario Motor Speedway, covering it with billowing dust storms that sometimes nearly hid the 4,000-pound stock cars as they bled through the gloom. In a race as tense as any seen here since the multimillion-dollar facility opened in 1970, a couple of good ol' boys from North Carolina shared the glory at day's end before 41,200 fans. Benny Parsons of Elberton came from two laps down to win the Times 500 and Dale Earnhardt of Kannapolis came from one lap back to finish fifth and win the Grand National Championship.

The scenario had a familiar ring to it. Last year it was Richard Petty who finished fifth to beat Darrell Waltrip for the championship while Parsons was winning the race. Saturday it was Earnhardt who finished fifth to beat Cale Yarborough while Parsons was winning again.

"I'm getting to like this," said a beaming Parsons as he climbed out of the white and blue Chevrolet in the winner's circle. "I'd like to do it again next year if I only knew who I'd be driving for."

Parsons, 39, who won his third Grand National of the 31-race series when he finished 6.3 seconds ahead of Neil Bonnett, was left without a 1981 ride a month ago when his car owner, M.C. Anderson, announced he had hired Yarborough for next season.

Earnhardt, 29, became the first rookie of the year to win the Grand National in his second year on the Winston Cup circuit when his fifth place finish in Rod Osterlind's Wrangler Jeans Chevy enabled him to maintain a 19-point lead over Yarborough, who finished third. Earnhardt, who started the day 29 points ahead, will collect \$40,000 in Winston bonus money as the champion.

Eight laps from the end of the 200-lap race it appeared that Bobby Allison, in the Mike Curb-Warner Hodgdon Ford, would win the race. Allison, who won the 1974 and 1978 Times 500s, had a 10-second lead when he abruptly pulled into the pits to replace a cut right front tire. This put Parsons in the lead for the first time and he held the margin to the checkered flag.

Parsons lost a lap early in the race when he had to pit for a similar cut tire. Then, gamb-

ling to get the lap back when a yellow flag came out, he pitted too soon and got caught behind the pace car — and fell two laps behind the front-running pack of Waltrip, Yarborough, Bonnett and Petty. Earnhardt, who had slowly dropped back until he was half a lap back of the leaders, gambled at the same time and wound up with the same result — a lap back.

The situation became tense because, to win the Grand National Championship, Earnhardt needed to finish fifth or better if Yarborough won. And, a lap down, Earnhardt was running as far back as 12th with the race nearly half over.

"I have to thank the Good Lord for looking over me," Earnhardt said. "I don't know any other way to explain my good fortune."

Part of the good fortune came when several of the cars between him and Yarborough began to drop out with engine woes. First it was Petty, with a blown engine on lap 97, closely followed by Lennie Pond with the same malady two laps later.

Waltrip, who appeared to have the fastest car among the 42 starters, led for 89 laps in the Digard Gatorade Chevy before it slowed to a crawl on lap 145. Another blown engine.

On two occasions, when yellow caution flags appeared, Earnhardt attempted to unlap himself by beating the leader back to the start-finish line. Both times he missed by less than a car length. The third time — a yellow brought out by Waltrip's blown engine — he managed to slip past Yarborough and put himself on the same lap with the leaders.

As if by magic, one lap after the green full-speed-ahead flag appeared with Earnhardt still nearly 2.25 miles behind, a blown engine in James Hylton's car brought out yet another caution flag. Now, with the field bunched up behind the Datsun pace car, Earnhardt and Parsons raced full tilt around the 2.5-mile track until they came up behind the leaders. Now they were back on even terms with everyone.

Earnhardt brought cheers from the Wrangler Jeans crew and startled his fellow drivers when he shot past five or six cars in one quick burst at the appearance of a green flag to nip Yarborough as the cars reached the start-finish line.

"I was ready when the green came out and I guess they weren't," said Earnhardt. "When I see green it means 'go' to me and I was going."

Once Earnhardt found himself back close to Yarborough, winning the championship

became only a matter of staying there for the last 40 laps and not making a mistake. However, the Osterlund crew did make a big mistake that could have cost them the championship.

Earnhardt came in for his final fuel stop 27 laps from the end but in a moment of indecision between himself and the crew, Earnhardt pulled away while one crewman was trying to jack up the car. His right rear tire ran over the jack — an infraction that caused NASCAR officials to call him in for a 15 second penalty. Earnhardt ignored the black flag once but came in on lap 185 and was held in the pits. Twice he started to move out but was blocked by an official who insisted that several lug nuts — taken off in the abortive previous pit stop — be replaced.

"I thought it (the championship) might be all over when I saw the black flag," said Earnhardt. "My heart really dropped, but once I got back to running I knew I hadn't lost too much time. I do think, though, I could have run with Benny for the race if it hadn't been for the mixup. We'd had quite a shootout."

Although only two drivers, Stan Darrett and Chuck Bown, spun out during the nearly four hours of racing, the winds gave them some anxious moments. "It wasn't had going down the straightaway into the first turn and on into the second turn because you were sort of going against the wind," said Earnhardt, "but the third and fourth turns were pretty bad. The winds out of four tried to push you into the wall. You had to fight the wheel when it was gusty."

Although there was so much dust on the track from winds blowing across the barren vineyards to the north and east of the speedway, it didn't seem to be as much bother as the winds.

"Someone told me to wear amber goggles to help see through the dust, kinda like in the fog," said Parsons. "I think they helped."

Six caution flags for a total of 34 laps brought the average speed down to 131.936 mph but early in the race, despite the gusty winds, Waltrip set a record for the first 100 miles. He averaged 148.454.

Petty, who failed for the ninth time to win a Grand National at Ontario — the only NASCAR track where he has never won — still managed to lead one lap (No. 49) to continue his amazing record of having led every stock car here. Richard's son, Kyle, had worse luck than his dad, dropping out with a blown engine on lap 81.

Joe Ruttman, the U.S. Auto Club stock car

champion and winner of the Warner W. Hodgson 100 for Graed American cars earlier in the day, lasted only 29 laps in the Jim Stacy Olds but he received \$250 from Goodie's Headache Powder Headache Powder for "Having the Day's Biggest Headache." It was caused when NASCAR officials penalized him for passing cars before the green flag dropped to start the race. Ruttman had started 40th and was all the way up to 35th when he was called in.

This was the end of the big car era in NASCAR as downsized cars were declared eligible Saturday for the opening race of 1981, Jan. 11 at Riverside (Calif.) International Raceway.

"It's nice to think about celebrating winning the championship but we're all heading back to Charlotte to start getting our little Pootie Grand Prix ready for Riverside," said Earnhardt. "Cale won three championships in a row so I don't see why we shouldn't try."

Gillette given promotional rights for world cup soccer championship

BOSTON, Nov. 19 — The Gillette Company has signed a contract giving it exclusive promotional rights and stadium billboard space throughout the upcoming Gold Cup soccer championship in Uruguay and the 1982 World Cup of soccer in Spain.

The gold cup is a special one-time event marking the 50th anniversary of the first World Cup matches in Uruguay in 1930. Competing will be former World Cup winners Italy, West Germany, Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil; and the Netherlands, runner-up in 1974 and 1978. The games will start Dec. 30, 1980, and the final will be played Jan. 10, 1981.

The World Cup, played every four years, is the "Super Bowl" and "World Series" combined of the soccer world. Teams from 108 countries play preliminary matches and 24 top contenders compete in 52 matches to be played in June and July, 1982, in Spain.

Competing will be 14 teams from Europe, four from South America, and two each from North and Central America, Africa, and Asia/Oceania.

The cumulative television audience for the World Cup and Gold Cup matches, in 137 countries, is conservatively estimated to total over 5 billion people, the largest of

Flats slow Lombard leader, Finn takes over top spot

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Henri Toivonen, the 34-year-old Finn, took the lead in the Lombard Royal Automobile rally after overnight leader Anders Kullang of Sweden suffered multiple punctures on the second stage following the night-rest halt at Windermere.

Toivonen, driving a Talbot Sundean Lotus, lying third overnight, took full advantage of Kullang on special stage 39 at Grizedale North.

Kullang had led the rally since the fifth stage, which was 250 miles of competitive motoring.

Swede Bjorn Waldegren briefly took the lead before being forced to retire when his Saab turbo's oil filter bowl broke and Toivonen took over.

Kullang lost 17 minutes on this stage, and dropped back to sixth. Hannu Mikkola, who has won the event for the last two years, moved into second place in a Ford Escort but was more than 15 seconds behind the new

leader. Russell Brookes, the 35-year-old driver from Worcestershire, maintained his impressive record in the rally by taking third place, but was nearly two minutes behind Talbot teammate Toivonen.

Frenchman Guy Frequelien completed the Talbot domination in fourth place while former three time winner Timmo Makinen of Finland was up to fifth in the second Ford Escort.

Left Asterhag, another Swede, was also forced to retire when lying seventh. He spun off on stage 38 at Grizedale south in the lake district.

Fuel restrictions kept for Le Mans

PARIS, Nov. 19 (AP) — The rules for the 1981 classic Le Mans 24 hours auto race were unveiled Tuesday, keeping fuel restrictions but simplifying qualifying and technical requirements.

The organizers admitted some experiments this year failed, notably a complex qualifying formula involving the times of all drivers on each car.

After the 8 hours of qualifying next year, one hour less than 1980, the 55 fastest cars will be chosen for the race June 13-14, on two conditions. They must have lapped within 130 per cent of the average time of the three fastest cars, with different drivers, and within 110 per cent of the three fastest within their class.

The organizers will invite 65 cars to try to qualify, and stressed that invitations may not be traded to other entrants.

A single fuel tank size of 120 liters is retained, with refueling pumps limited to 50 liters per minute delivery. Changes of motors between practice and the race will be allowed, and the bans no more than one turbocharger, and on changing it more than once, have been lifted.

Jean Rondeau, constructor and co-driver of the winning car this year, said however, that he would stick to the reliable and fuel-economic Cosworth engine in his attempt to win the race again. The race will count for the new world endurance racing championship, with five other events in Europe and the United States.

Rondeau said he was seeking sponsorship to do the whole series.

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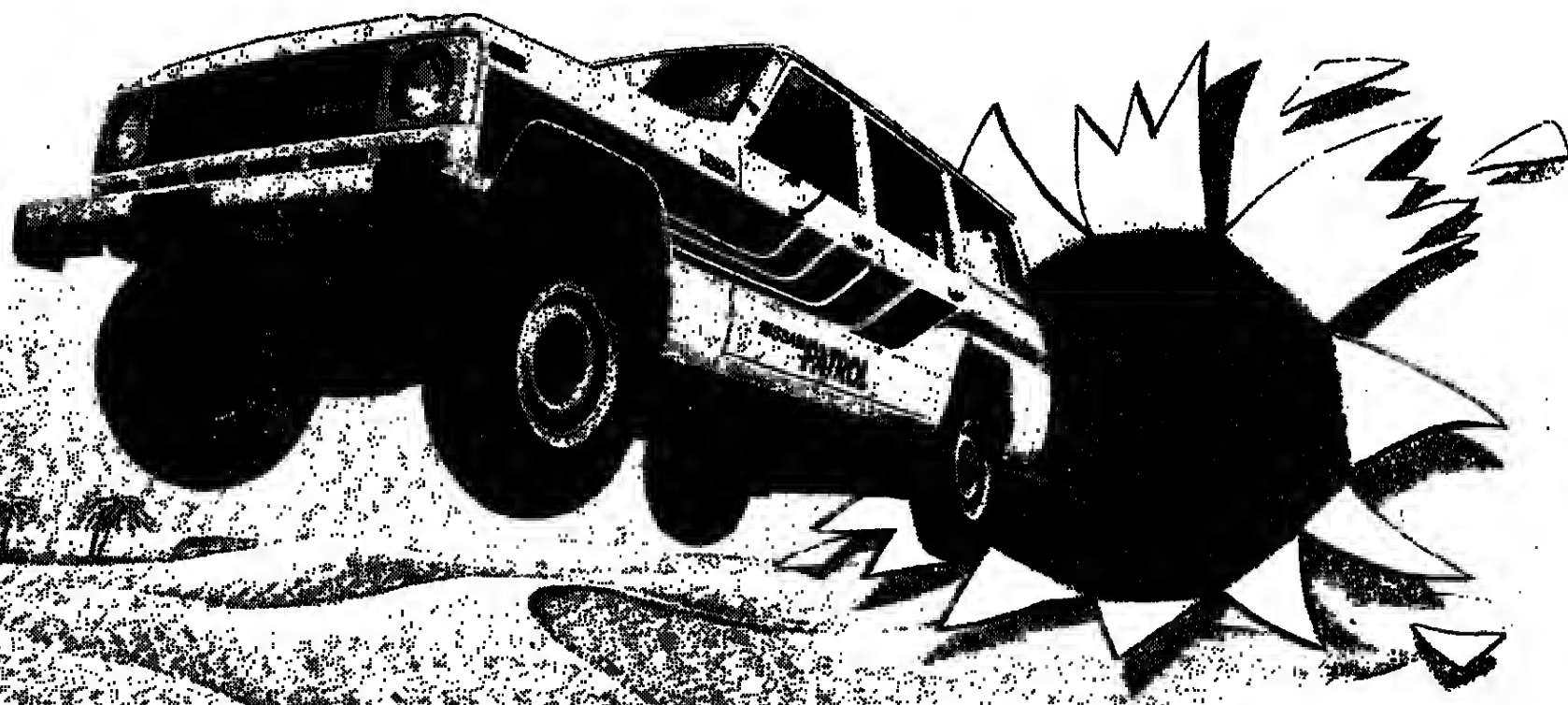
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WEST
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 ♦ A K 10 5 2
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Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Let's assume you get to five clubs on the bidding shown and West leads the king of diamonds followed by the ace. You ruff, of course, but how would you play the hand? Your initial response might be to draw trumps and then play the king and another spade, planning to finesse the jack. This method of play would succeed if West had the queen of spades, and would likewise succeed if East had

three spades to the queen. In the latter case, you'd be able to discard your heart loser on dummy's fourth spade.

Unfortunately, if you followed this line of play, you'd finish down one. You would lose a spade, a heart and a diamond. But if you adopt an altogether different approach to the play, you're sure to make the contract.

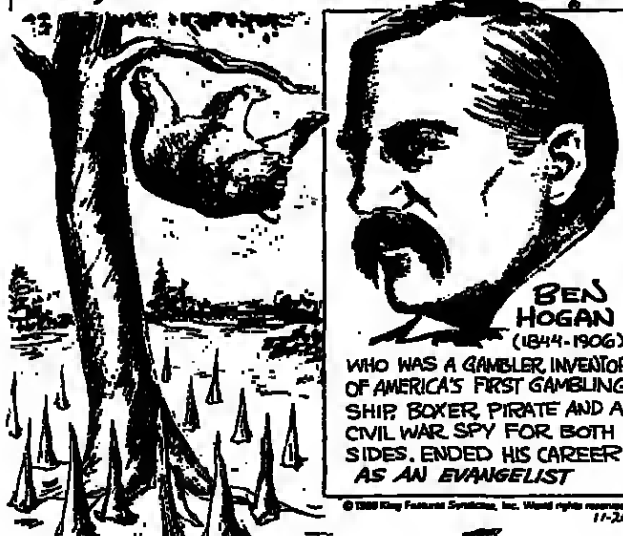
You certainly have a right to assume that West, for his one heart overall, has at least five hearts. Therefore, after drawing trumps, you should first cash the K-A of hearts and then play the king and another spade.

In the actual hand, West follows low on both spade leads, whereupon you finesse the eight! East wins with the nine, but is in a helpless position. He is forced to return a spade or a diamond, and in either case you avoid the heart loser and make the contract.

The outcome would be exactly the same if it turned out that West was dealt the 10-x or 9-x of spades. In that case, on the second spade lead you'd cover West's ten or nine with dummy's jack and East would again find himself endplayed. Furthermore, you would also make the contract on the suggested method of play if it turned out that West was the one who had four spades.

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Waldheim orders probe U.N. aides accused in extortion scheme

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19 (WP) — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has appointed two men to look into pervasive rumors that high-ranking members of his administration extorted thousands of dollars from subordinates to return for promotions.

Secretariat sources maintain that at least nine and perhaps more U.N. employees had been hooked by the extortion scheme, which involved "loans" — without collateral or interest, never repaid — ranging from \$10,000 up as high as \$28,000.

The charges have caused an uproar among the staff and have focused on one top level U.N. official who remains in the Secretariat but is on longer in a position to influence promotions. There are also allegations that some of his deputies were involved in the scheme, soliciting loans and taking a rake-off, or soliciting sexual favors from female employees in return for promotions.

The U.N. staff union has asked for a full-scale investigation of the charges by an independent panel, and written guarantees of full immunity for Secretariat employees who come forward to testify.

Waldheim's response was, in typical U.N. fashion, to agree halfway to both demands.

"The secretary general felt that an investigation could not be initiated unless evidence was presented," said the U.N. spokesman. "So far, neither he nor any members of the administration have received evidence of wrongdoing."

As an interim step, the United Nations announced, the two men will "receive and examine evidence to determine if there are sufficient grounds to justify a broader investigation."

The spokesman, Rudolph Stajduhar, added that Waldheim "has given assurances that staff members who wish to bring complaints will not suffer consequences from anyone in the Secretariat" — but the immunity will not extend to any wrongdoing by the claimants, such as payments for unmerited promotions.

Lowell Flanders, the staff union president, expressed his disappointment at the lack of full immunity, but said that the union had no choice but to accept Waldheim's offer.

Some U.N. officials close to Waldheim expressed doubt that staffers would give testimony, with or without immunity, because of their own vulnerability and because they still hope to be repaid.

"One person on the list was on the verge of being kicked out of here," a Secretariat source said, "and now that person has zoomed up to the second-highest professional job rank in a relatively short time."

One Waldheim aide said three staff members had admitted to him privately that they had loaned large sums in a man in a position to influence their promotions but insisted that the loans were unsolicited and were

made on the basis of personal friendship.

Two other U.N. employees said that after the staff union had begun to look into the charges, the high official involved told those to whom he still owed money that he would repay them in a few months, when he leaves the U.N. to take another prominent international post. At that time, he reportedly told them, he will get a \$100,000 lump sum settlement from the U.N. to pay off the loans.

Flanders said the corruption rumors began to circulate among staff members several weeks ago, after a Washington Post reporter made extensive inquiries into the matter at U.N. Headquarters.



Secretary General Waldheim



BIRDS ARE BACK: Millions of blackbirds darken the skies over Rich Square, North Carolina, this week, as they have for the past four winters despite efforts by townspeople to chase them away. The birds roost in thickets near the town.

Sunken cruiser raises hackles in Moscow

MOSCOW, Nov. 19 (WP) — When Capt. Alexander Rodionov abandoned the bridge of his sinking imperial Russian battle cruiser during the Russo-Japanese War, it is unlikely, he could have imagined the storm his departure would cause 75 years later.

Yet the circumstances of the captain's exit from the *Admiral Nakhimov* on May 28, 1905, have blown up like a Force-10 gale in the already-troubled waters of Soviet-Japanese relations, embroiling Moscow and Tokyo in a modern tale of high stakes and high politics — not in rather, under — the high seas.

There is no dispute that the vessel, an eight-gun, 7,780-ton steam-powered ship launched in 1885 by the czar's St. Petersburg naval yard, was mortally wounded and torpedoed during the Imperial Baltic Fleet's disastrous battle with the Japanese in the Korea Strait May 27, 1905. But what happened next?

Did Rodionov voluntarily scuttle the ship the next day in time-honored naval tradition to keep her and her mysterious cargo from enemy hands, as the Soviets claim?

Or did the Japanese, who already had sunk or captured nearly two dozen other czarist warships in their stunning victory, also capture the *Admiral Nakhimov*, as Tokyo claims?

And anyway, today's prudent navigator might easily ask in exasperation, who cares? There's enough trouble on the seven seas without trawling up more of it from Davey Jones' Locker.

But Moscow and Tokyo both care, because a Japanese entrepreneur named Ryoichi Sasakawa says he has located the wreck and intends to salvage its fabled treasure of gold and precious metals that may be worth millions of dollars.

"Piracy!" cry the Soviets. The ship is rightfully Soviet property even today, they say, because "Admiral Nakhimov" sank with St. Andrew flying. The flag of St. Andrew was the official imperial battle ensign and according to the generally unfathomable laws of the sea, developed over centuries of naval engagements and mariners' woes, a warship that sinks flying its colors remains the property of its nation.

But, said the Japanese last month in an official exchange with the Soviet Embassy in Japan, there is evidence to prove the ship was captured before it sank. This would make it a



A platoon of soldiers from the *Admiral Nakhimov* military prize and strengthen Japanese claims to it.

Nonsense, the Soviets have replied in a recent salvo from Leningrad by the official Tass news agency.

"Before leaving the ship and opening her underwater Kingstons valves, the crew destroyed all the secret documents, codes, signal books and duty registers. The cruiser was sinking bow first, falling to starboard. Following naval tradition, the commander was the last to leave the vessel."

2 U.S. stamps bring record prices

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP) — The world record price for a single U.S. postage stamp was topped twice Tuesday as the Hawaiian stamp collection of Japanese industrialist Ryohei Ishikawa went to auction here.

Sotheby Parke Bernet Stamp Auction Co. sold the first of two 2-cent "missionary" stamps for \$210,000. That was topped by the very next "lot" with a winning bid of \$230,000.

The Sotheby Park Bernet subsidiary said the previous record price for a U.S. stamp was \$135,000 paid in May 1979 for a 1918

"In the Russian newspaper, *Novoye Vremya*, dated June 27, 1905, according to Tass, Alexander Rodionov made an official statement that 'the cruiser went down under the flying St. Andrew.'"

There is more to this than just the treasure. Entwined in the wreck, like the tentacles of a lurking octopus, are matters of national honor and prestige and even volatile territorial disputes between the Soviet Union and its powerful Asian adversaries, Japan and Communist China.

The cruiser was named after Pavel Nakhimov, a czarist flag officer killed during Russia's heroic defense of Sebastopol in the Crimean War. Nakhimov was raised to superhero status by Stalin in his effort to bolster nationalist spirit during World War II. There is now a Nakhimov Naval Academy as well as an Order of Nakhimov military decoration.

In 1972, the Soviets commissioned a new, missile-firing cruiser of 7,600 tons and 34-knot speed of the potent Kresta II class and named it after the venerable admiral.

The sinking of the cruiser and her sister ships at Tsushima spelled defeat for the czar in the 1904-05 Russo-Japanese War. He was forced to cede to Japan the southern half of oil-rich Sakhalin Island as part of the settlement worked out by President Theodore Roosevelt at the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, peace conference.

But the Soviets took back the half-island after World War II. Tokyo wants it returned, along with the Kurile Islands that Moscow is now busily reinforcing to the alarm of the Japanese.

24-cent airmail stamp on which an airplane was unintentionally printed upside down.

The \$230,000 purchase was by a California philatelist who would reveal only that he was acting for someone else. The \$210,000 sale was to Joseph Krois, president of National Philatelic Advisors Corp. of New York City.

For their money, the buyers each gained possession of a tiny rectangle of tissue paper that had been pasted on correspondence mailed to the United States by missionaries in 1851 and 1852 from what was then the kingdom of Hawaii.

Strike averted Polish governor ousted

WARSAW, Nov. 19 (Agencies) — Polish government negotiators reached an agreement Wednesday with the Czechochowa branch of the independent trade union federation "Solidarity," the Polish news agency PAP reported.

The local union, which already succeeded in having the hard-line Czechochowa district governor dismissed, was threatening to strike unless other local officials were fired.

Solidarity had announced a one-hour warning strike would be held Wednesday if its demands were rejected. PAP did not immediately disclose the details of the settlement. The union demanded dismissal of the officials after the governor, Miroslaw Wierzbicki, ordered a crackdown against union activities.

Polish authorities accepted Wierzbicki's resignation Tuesday.

Wierzbicki, who ordered emergency measures in factories to restrict the solidarity free trade union movement, had little choice but to step down after a report in an influential party newspaper, *Trybuna Robotnicza*, called the directives issued by the governor a "self-evident attempt to limit the freedom of

activity of Solidarity members."

The tough stand against the governor was further evidence of the party's determination to weed out men who opposed the reforms which led to the development of the first independent trade union movement in the Soviet bloc.

More than 16 regional party and government bosses have lost their posts since the summer, and the process continued Monday night with the resignations of the Warsaw Communist Party First Secretary Alnizy Karkoszka and the first secretary in Lodz, Poland's second largest city.

Karkoszka was closely linked with former Polish leader Edward Gierek and was replaced by a career party man who himself left office under Gierek. The new Warsaw first secretary, Stanislaw Kociol, was party boss in Gdansk until a few months before the Baltic ports erupted in violence in December 1970.

As a politburo member with a strong following in Gdansk, Kociol returned to the city in an attempt to quell the unrest and broadcast an appeal on local television for workers to return to work.

Zimbabwe town reinforced

SALISBURY, Nov. 19 (R) — Police reinforcements were deployed in Salisbury's troubled Chitungwiza township Wednesday after two days of factional violence in which six people were killed.

Local Government Minister Eddison Zvobgo said the aim of the police was to "crush criminal elements and murders" and restore peace to the township, 18 kms south of the capital. Thousands of rival guerrillas from Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) and Home Affairs Minister Joshua Nkomo's ZIPRA (Zimbabwe Peoples Revolutionary Army) are quartered in Chitungwiza.

Zvobgo told several hundred pro-Mugabe

U.S. anticipates extended talks on Iran captives

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AFP) — Hopes for swift release of the 52 American hostages in Iran have been supplanted by a feeling that negotiations will be long, the Washington Post reported Wednesday.

Citing American and Iranian informed sources, the Post said the American reply to the four conditions set by Iran's parliament for freeing the hostages would be probably either rejected outright or accepted. "Further bargaining" was more "likely," it said.

The office of Iranian Premier Muhammad Ali Rajai was "still seeking clarifications of portions of the American plan — another clue that no final Iranian position has been reached," the Post reported.

An informed source here acknowledged that the American reply "would not meet the literal interpretation of the (Iranian) demands," the Post added, and an Iranian source said the White House "has not made any concession" on the issue of the Shah's wealth being returned to Iran.

The Carter administration has stressed several times already that this issue depended solely on the American courts. The administration has also refused to officially recognize Iran's nationalization of the property of the Shah and his immediate family. U.S. officials said that to do so would pose more political and legal problems than it would solve.

The Post said there was reason to believe that Iran regrets that the American reply did not mention the possibility of selling U.S. military equipment to Iran. The informed source acknowledged there was no such mention but pointed out that question was not raised in Iran's four demands either.

"We responded only to their proposals," the source commented.

Gold prices higher; dollar trading mixed

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP) — The dollar has mixed on world money markets Wednesday with European business expected to be at a low level because of a banking holiday in West Germany. Gold prices rose.

The dollar had weakened Tuesday when Eurodollar deposit prices fell ahead of the announcement of latest U.S. money supply figures, which showed an annual rate of increase around 12 per cent.

The key factor affecting foreign exchanges, dealers said, was the future direction of U.S. interest rates with major American Banks posting their prime lending rates at 16 1/4 per cent.

This is fractionally higher than in Britain, where the pound sank for the fourth consecutive trading session. Sterling was quoted at \$2.3890 from \$2.3955 late Tuesday and \$2.4140 a week ago.

Share prices on the London Stock Exchange hit their highest point of the year Wednesday. The *Financial Times* index of 30 leading shares stood at a year's high of 509.1. It has gone up about 100 points since January. The previous high this year was 508.9 in September.

Good Morning

By Javad Khazeni

I wrote once how people change their description of a man depending on the man's standing, financial or otherwise. Thus a poor man bereft of good looks is simply ugly. But a rich man looking the same is "rugged." A poor man might have few words to say, in which case he simply a dolt. But a rich man in this case is "deep," he is "the strong and silent type." And let a poor man suddenly break into a long speech, and what a fool the man is. But a rich man doing this is a "conversationalist of the first order."

I used to think that people's estimation was influenced only by wealth and power or lack of them. But a clever young reader wrote to inform that from his own experience, another measure seems to apply: that of age, or more precisely, the question of whether the person in question was a child or an adult. He then proceeded to prove his case.

His first example, he said, was from personal experience. He chanced once to spill orange juice over his clothes and his mother raised the expected ruckus. But, he said, his dad once spilled a cup of coffee all over his brand new shirt, and all the mother did was rush to help and comfort him, saying such things as "never mind, I've just ironed several shirts anyway, and am sure the coffee will come out in the wash." Is this fair, the young man asks.

Also, he wrote, when he goes out to play football with his friends in the street (admittedly, an occasional window is known to break from time to time, but that isn't really the point is it) he is told that he is wasting his time and that nothing good will come of it. But, he said, he noticed that grown-ups can spend all evening just sitting around talking until nonsense — and they call it being sociable.

Furthermore, the astute young reader added, he once got a tremendous whipping for forcing money out of his younger brother. Isn't that precisely what grown ups do all the time and call it "business," he asked.

To my young reader, all I can say is "Right On!" Kids Lib has been a long time coming. And the Start Is Now.

Translated from Ashraf Al Ahsani

Females lock doors

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19 (AP) — Israeli female soldiers at a major training base have been ordered to lock the doors of their barracks at night following a series of rape incidents, says Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zipori. Zipori told parliament that orders had also been given to move the women's barracks to a more central part of the base, build a fence around them and post guards in the area.

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